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Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora

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Words of Wisdom

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.



Terry's Tales (The President's Message)

This is hoping that all is well with everyone and that you are enjoying your summer vacation with all this great weather we have been having.

We are still keeping busy with the Optimist wagon. We started the summer off with the wagon at the Bike Rodeo @ Lambert Wilson Park on May 29th, then we proceeded onto the Street Sale on June the 4th, then July 1st at Lambert Wilson Park again. Requests for the Wagon keep coming in. The wagon was at Staples this

past weekend with the proceeds going back to the School Drive Program.

On Labour Day we are setting up at Lambert Wilson Park on Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 5. The Minor and Major Mosquitoes are hosting the Ontario Championships. If you are available and have not signed up yet please let Carol or Greg know.

We would like to wish a warm welcome to our newest member Diane Buchanan. WELCOME.

On behalf of the members I would like to thank the Bartlett family for hosting the annual year B.B.Q. The food and fellowship was excellent, and a great evening was enjoyed by all.

The upcoming District Convention is taking place in Richmond Hill on the weekend of August 19th, and there is still time to register for the event, its a great way to meet other members in other clubs and share ideas.

Yours in Optimism,

Terry

Rock 'N' RICHMOND HILL

Fourth District Conference, Training and District Convention and Sock Hop

August 18 - 20, 2006

**Sheraton Parkway
Convention Centre**

Highway 7 East, Richmond Hill



Committee Chairs

Bike Rodeo – Robert Parypa
Bingo – Bill Otton
Book Sale – Nora MacDonald
 - Ken McIsaac
Bowling for Big Brothers
 - Carol Bartlett
 - Anna Kroeplin
Bulletin – Alex Ansell
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 - Carol Bartlett
Hartwell Run – Paul English
Inaugural – Terry Sherin
 John Thompson
July 1 - Terry Sherin
Membership – Ken Banks
Members Xmas Party – John Housser
Mobile Kitchen – Terry Sherin
Opti Rec Hockey – Rob Whiting
 Ken McIsaac
Optimist International Foundation –
 Janice Walsh
Phoning – Carol Bartlett
Progressive Dinner – Greg Way
Publicity – Anna Kroeplin
Respect for Law – Steve Hinder
Santa Claus Parade – John Thompson
Santa Claus Parade Float – Bill Otton
Sergeant-at-Arms – Glen Sharp
Showcase Tournament – Alex Ansell
Street Sale – Terry Sherin
Twin Club – Brian Walsh
Web Site – Ken Banks

Director – Youth Sports
 - Bill Otton
Director – Youth Activities
 - Paul English
Director – Community Service
 - Paul Madden
Director – Membership
 - Anna Kroeplin
Director – Fundraising
 - Steve Granger
Director - Fellowship
 - John O'Heir

Questions

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

What disease did cured ham actually have?



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of October

July 11	Otton Team
July 25	Whiting Team
August 8	Gaby Team
August 22	Otton Team
September 5	Whiting Team
September 19	Gaby Team
October 3	Otton Team
October 17	Whiting Team
October 31	Gaby Team

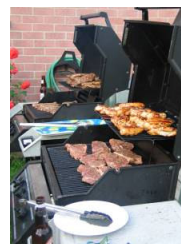
All of the above dates are at the new bingo hall **240 Industrial Parkway South** and all team members are requested to be at the hall no later than **4:45 pm** on those dates.

For further information, please contact **Bill Otton** at **905-727-1463**.

Please be sure to verify and double check all counts each night

Wind-up BBQ

What a great evening to welcome in the summer season. The weather was great, there was no rain, the cooks did a marvelous job and the camaraderie was super. Thanks again to Carol for once again acting as the hostess for this annual event.



REMINDERS

- Inaugural - TBA
- 4th Quarter Board meeting and Convention – August 18 – 20
- Transition Meeting – Aug 30

Newmarket Golf

Once again, stalwart souls from the Optimist Club of Aurora braved the elements of the Shawneecki Golf Club to participate in the annual Newmarket Optimist Club Golf Tournament.

What a great day! The sun was shining and the foursomes all exhibited their camaraderie. Fifteen Aurora members took part in the event and enjoyed themselves. The food back at the Optimist Hall was good and the Club managed to raise about \$10,000 for the Southlake Regional Health Care Centre and other Optimist activities.

Greg Way even got his picture in SNAP.





Bike & Board Rodeo

Saturday May 27, 2006

The event was a wonderful success with over 125 registrations. York Regional Police feel that any registration over 100 was deemed a success. The turnout was steady as people were constantly coming and going during the day.

Next year's event will be even better. BMX riders will have an advanced track (there will be a beginners one also). There is also a proposal for adult biking

Additional recommendations are that a logo be developed for the event, a stand-alone web site, promotional flyers, increased media relations and increased financial commitments.

Mark May 26, 2007 from 11 am to 2 pm as the date for the next rodeo. The rain date will be May 27. A big thank you is extended to all those Optimists who helped out.



It was a great convention with plenty of lively discussion and interaction.

The proposed reform for Optimist International, which was outlined in the Optimist magazine and on the International web site, was soundly defeated. Other items including proxy voting and member requirement for new clubs were also defeated. Other motions regarding permanent districts, family memberships, and district realignments were tabled for further consideration. Housekeeping items regarding district meetings, Lt. Governors and a tiered dues structure for college clubs were approved.

Several resolutions were approved for consideration by the International Board with recommendations to be brought forward at the International meeting in Montreal in 2007. These included consolidation of districts, permanent regions, streamlined governance for clubs and marketing for clubs.



The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press onto the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



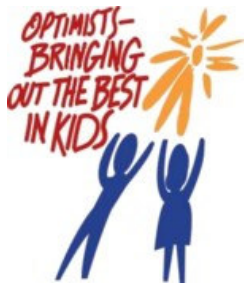
Right Here, Right Now

July 2006

						1 Canada Day Leisure Complex 11:00 – 4:00
2	3	4	5 International Convention Nashville	6 International Convention Nashville	7 International Convention Nashville	8 International Convention Nashville
9	10	11 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	26	27	28	29 Zone BBQ & Mtg Thomson House Sutton, 12:00 pm
30	31					

August 2006

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6	7	8 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 District Convention Richmond Hill	19 District Convention Richmond Hill
20 District Convention Richmond Hill	21	22 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Exec Transition 24 Oak Court - 7:00 p.m.	31		



For lots of interesting information about Optimist International and its programs visit the official web site at "www.optimist.org", the Central Ontario District at "www.cenon.ca" or our own at "www.auroraoptimist.com"

Editor's Corner

During the months ahead we will try to keep you up-to-date on events both within and outside of the Club as they relate to optimism. Event write-ups will be a must. If you have any other items or notices you would like to have included in the bulletin, please forward them to me at **905-727-5012** or email at ansellas@interlog.com

