

The



Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora

December 2006



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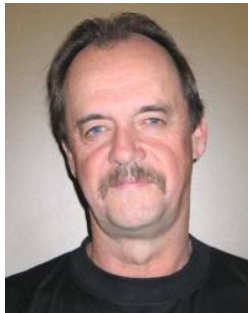
Famous Quotations

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.

-- Alex Levine

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty ... but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.

-- Phyllis Diller



John's 19th Hole (The President's Message)

As I left the Aurora Library this afternoon Ken McIsaac was literally bouncing about the success of this years Book Sale. It was amazing when I arrived Sunday morning to see how many books had been moved the day before. Great work Nora and Ken and the whole committee. We look forward to hearing the final results.

Another one of the Club's favourite activities took place the weekend before with the Santa Claus parade making its annual visit to town. Opti Terry took care of the organizing this year and the parade went off without a hitch. Shelly Ware of the town made sure we had lots of golf carts this year, and the members put them to good use ferrying last minute kids to their floats, and riding shotgun on the parade. Terry was also able to obtain signs for the carts to increase our visibility in the Parade even more.

Congratulations to the Ken's, Bill and the rest of the Float Committee for capturing the Most Original Float award for the first time. Already they're making plans for next year and it sounds ambitious.

Robert Parypa

And thanks to the town for springing for wings at Tom and Jerry's for the volunteers. It was a great way to warm up, and I got to go home with Mrs. Claus.

I haven't got the call from Alex yet about the Showcase, so I guess he's still on the cruise with that younger women. The Showcase starts on the 27th, so get those rusty blades sharpened up and get ready for the call.

The Christmas Party is at Wellington's on the 13th, and Carol has got a great response already for our best-attended dinner of the year. We were lucky to get Santa John in town that evening, so everyone remember their gift for the evening and we'll see who will get stuck with the velvet Elvis this year.

For those who are interested, the Executive meeting has been moved to Dec.20 this month, so if any member has anything they want me to bring forward, let me know.

And remember, an Optimist is someone who goes after Moby Dick in a rowboat and takes the tartar sauce with him.

Yours in Optimism

President John



Committee Chairs

Bike & Board Rodeo - Robert Parypa
Bingo – Tom Connor
Book Sale – Nora MacDonald
- Ken McIsaac
Bowling for Big Brothers
- Anna Kroepelin
Bulletin – Alex Ansell
Chess – Steve Granger
COLS – John Thompson
Communications – Carol Bartlett
Dinner Meetings – Carol Bartlett
Hartwell Run – Paul English
Inaugural – Greg Way
John Thompson
Membership – Ken Banks
Members Xmas Party – John Housser
Mobile Kitchen – Terry Sherin
Opti Rec Hockey –
Optimist International Foundation –
Janice Walsh
Progressive Dinner – Greg Way
Publicity –
Respect for Law – Steve Hinder
Santa Claus Parade Marshalling
- John Thompson
Santa Claus Parade Float – Bill Otton
Showcase Tournament – Alex Ansell
Street Dance – Carol Bartlett
- Terry Sherin
Web Site – Janice & Brian Walsh

Director – Youth Sports
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Director – Youth Activities
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Director – Community Service
- Glen Sharp
Director – Membership
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Director – Fundraising
- Ken McIsaac
Director - Fellowship
- John O'Heir

DECEMBER 6

Please review our revised Club Bylaws and policies that have been forwarded to you. These will be discussed at the business meeting to be held on December 6 at the Legion.

Please make sure you are present to take part in this important discussion.



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of March

December 12	Gaby Team
December 26	Otton Team
January 9	Whiting Team
January 23	Gaby Team
February 13	Otton Team
February 27	Whiting Team
March 13	Gaby Team
March 27	Otton 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 **Tom Connor** at **905-727-1546**.



2nd Quarter District Conference

February 16-17
Sheraton Mississauga

This is the annual awards meeting for all activities from the 2005-2006 year, the "You Too Can". year.

Take part in the education sessions and the round table discussions. Get ideas from others and join in on the hospitality. Find out what our District is all about.

Bear Up CENON!

Questions

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?



Showcase Showtime

December 27-30

Aurora Community Centre

Optimist Tri-Star Skills Competitions will take place on Wednesday **December 27** starting at **7:00 am** and continuing until **9:30 pm**

The awards from the Tri-Star skills competition will be presented after the Celebrity/Coaches game on Friday **December 29**.

Championship Games will be held on **Saturday December 30**

We will be calling you shortly about your time slot

REMINDERS

- Dec 2-3 – Book Sale, Library
- Dec 6 -Club Bylaw and policy review and approval
- Dec 13 – Annual Christmas Dinner
- Dec 20 – Executive Mtg
- Dec 27-30, - Showcase Tournament

Anyone for Chess?

It's coming up soon. Watch for the announcements about the dates, places and the needs for help. In the meantime

JUST ASK



BOOK SALE

YES! YES! YES! it's that time of year again

The ENORMOUS, GIANTANTIC

20th Annual Aurora Optimist Book Sale

took place

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2 - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and
SUNDAY DECEMBER 3- 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

at the

The Aurora Library

More information will follow in the next issue of the Prime

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Our float in this year's nighttime parade received the award for being the Most Innovative. This is the first time our Club has won this award. Congratulations are extended to the designers and builders.



Photo by
Rob Schuetze

Photo by
John Houser



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

December 2006

					1 Book Sort Library	2 Book Sale 8:00 - 4:00 Library
3 Book Sale 10:00 - 3:00 Library	4	5	6 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	7	8	9
10	11	12 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Dinner Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Wellington's	21	22	23
24	25 	26 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	27 Showcase Tri-Star Skills ACC 2	28 Showcase	29 Showcase 6:00 pm Celebrity Game	30 Showcase Championship Games
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January 2007

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21	22	23 Otton Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Library			



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

