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Optimist Club of Aurora

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An Old Farmer's Advice

Keep skunks and bankers and lawyers at a distance

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'

Always drink upstream from the herd



Terry's Tales (The President's Message)

Another great month is shaping up for Optimism, fellowship and fun for the club.

Starting off the month there was the dinner and induction for our own Alex Ansell held at the Newmarket Optimist Hall. Alex was inducted to the CARHA Hockey Hall of Fame in the Builder's category. Congratulations.

Coming on the 16th for all you pool sharks our second dinner pool tournament to be held at the Cue Zone, hosted by last year's champess Anna Kroeplin and John O'Heir. We are still

hoping for an appearance from Frank.

The Chess tournament is on schedule with some 300 participants anticipated. Steve reports everything is under control.

We are contemplating the possibility of hosting the June Street Sale dance on June 3rd, currently we are in discussions with the Chamber of Commerce. The Rotary Club who helped the Chamber last year has the first opportunity to undertake or decline it. Hopefully by next Thursday I should have an answer. If it is a go we will need all the man/woman power we can get, so try to keep the day of June 3rd open. The committee is made up of Ken Banks, Ken McIsaac, John O'Heir and Steve Granger who have already started to get sponsors.

This Saturday February 11th at the Community Center we are serving Chili and Soup for Aurora's Arctic Adventure Day, we will be serving from 11 to 2, come out and join the winter festivities.

Thanks to all of you who showed up at the General Meeting last week. There were a few items we needed to vote on and discuss.

See you Next Thursday

Yours in Optimism

Terry



The Fifth Annual Bob Hartwell Runner's Challenge

April 9th

starting at the Town Park at 9:00 a.m.

Paul English (905-841-4002) needs your help

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
Chess – Steve Granger
COLS – John Thompson
Communications – Carol Bartlett
Dinner Meetings – Robert Parypa
- 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

Home Remedies

A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep when you hit the snooze button



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of June

February 7	Whiting Team
February 21	Gaby Team
March 7	Otton Team
March 21	Whiting Team
April 4	Gaby Team
April 18	Otton Team
May 2	Whiting Team
May 16	Gaby Team
May 30	Otton Team
June 13	Whiting Team
June 27	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

REMINDERS

- **Pool Night – February 16**
- **2nd Quarter District Meeting, Holiday Inn, Burlington – February 17,18**
- **Aurora Chess – February 23**
- **Regional Chess – March 25**
- **Hartwell Run – April 9**
- **Progressive Dinner – April 22**
- **Safety on Wheels (Bike Rodeo) – date to be announced**

West Jet Smiles

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at the **Vancouver Airport**, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: **"Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"** -



**We Need
Your
Help at
Our
Chess**

Tournament!!!!

Volunteers are urgently needed for the 10th Annual Aurora area chess tournament. The event will take place on Thursday February 23rd at the Aurora Legion with setup being done the night before and early morning (7:30 am) on the day of the tournament.

The Regionals will be held Saturday, March 25 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Aurora.

For more information, please call **Steve Granger** at **905-727-2035**.



**Here we go again to
sample the culinary
delights of our
members**

April 22

Various Starting Locations



More information to follow



Bowling for Big Brothers and Sisters

It's that time of year gain.....Bowling for Big Brothers and Big Sisters! The Aurora Optimist Club has been a huge supporter of this annual event and has won the Service Club award for this event over the last few years.

We need 8-12 bowlers for 10 Pin Bowling on Saturday February 18th - 1PM - Aurora Bowl.

In addition to the club's pledge we do have pledge forms if you would like to gather some additional support for this group. It is voluntary and we are happy to get some of you members out to bowl. It's a lot of fun and you can win prizes, just ask the Kroepfins'.

Please reply back to Carol Bartlett asap via email or call her at 905-841-3378.

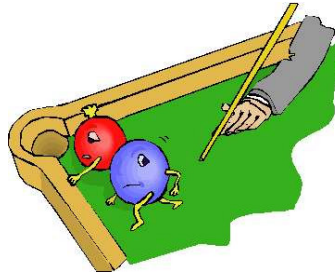


2nd Quarter District Conference

February 17-18
Holiday Inn, Burlington

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.

Join with the District to meet Past International Vice President Dee Rushford and Barbara as they assist Past Governor George in the presentation of his awards for the 2004-2005 year.



Pool Nite

LOCATION: Cue Zone, Wellington at Haida, west of Yonge St.

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2006

TIME: 7:00 p.m. registration

FEE: \$15.00 (incl. buffet & table fees)

We're looking for numbers, folks! Please RSVP your interest in participating in this fun event ASAP. We need to know how many people we can set the tourney up for, and also, how many mouths to feed the scrumptious Italian feast that will be provided.

Come out and have some fun.

Watch out for the **'SHARK'**



From July 5-8, 2006, the Opryland Resort and Convention Center will be the site of the 88th Annual Optimist International Convention.

Many events are planned for not only the members but also the families. There is plenty to see and activities will be boundless.

In addition to the business sessions where delegates will be voting on the future of our organization, there will be the gala opening ceremonies, appreciation luncheon, old timers breakfast and many more.

Why not plan to attend. Make your reservations now.



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.



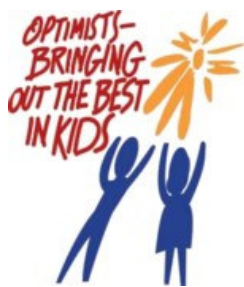
Right Here, Right Now

February 2006

			1 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	2	3	4
5	6	7 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15 Dimmer Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Wellingtons	16	17 ¼ Board Meeting Burlington	18 ¼ Board Meeting Burlington
19	20	21 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	22 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Aurora Library	23 8:00 am Aurora Chess Aurora Legion	24	25
26	27	28				

March 2006

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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



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