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May 2006



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Words of Wisdom

If you don't know where you're going, you're never lost.

Money isn't everything.... there's credit cards, money orders, and travelers checks.

Misers aren't much fun to live with, but they make great ancestors



Terry's Tales (The President's Message)

April has come and gone and May is upon us and is shaping up to be a busy month.

The Progressive Dinner was again a huge success with fine food and fellowship. I would like to thank Greg Way and his Committee for a very well organized evening.

The Hartwell Challenge was a great success with the organizing committee donating a cheque for seventeen thousand dollars to the Community Safety Village.

This coming week we will be doing Smart Serve on Monday at St. Andrews Golf Club with our own Steve Hinder being the instructor. We have quite a few members taking part for our upcoming Street Dance which is fast approaching. The Committee is meeting weekly and all the pieces to the puzzle are falling into place quite nicely. We do have the band, stage, liquor license and many volunteers and we will be able to show off our new canopy. And then the following day June the 4th we will be Barbecuing for the Street Sale.

Please note on May 27th is the Bike Rodeo, we are still looking for volunteers so please let Carol know as soon as Possible if you can help.

Our next business meeting will be May 31st at the Legion at 7:30 not June the 7th. The executive meeting will be held at 6:45 prior to the business meeting.

Yours in Optimism

Terry



Following the elections at the April Business meeting, the Executive for 2006-2007 will be:

President:	John Thompson
President Elect:	Vacant
Vice President:	Carol Bartlett
Vice President:	Paul English
1 Year Directors:	Ken McIsaac
	John O'Heir
	Robert Parypa
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It's that time of year again, time to recognize one of York Region's finest. We are staying with tradition and hosting the dinner at the Community Safety Village on Thursday May 11.

Dinner is planned for 7"ish". If you would like a "walking tour", please arrive at 6:30pm prompt

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 Houser
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

Something You Should Know

There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.

There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple, and silver



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of August

May 2	Whiting Team
May 16	Gaby Team
May 30	Otton Team
June 13	Whiting Team
June 27	Gaby Team
July 11	Otton Team
July 25	Whiting Team
August 8	Gaby Team
August 22	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 **Bill Otton** at **905-727-1463**.

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

REMINDERS

- **Respect for Law – Safety Village – May 11**
- **Safety on Wheels (Bike & Board Rodeo) – May 27**
- **3rd Quarter Board, Kingston – May 26-28**
- **Aurora Street Dance– June 3**
- **Newmarket Golf – June 7**



3rd Quarter District Conference

May 26-28

Ambassador Hotel, Kingston

The upcoming 3rd Quarter District Board meeting will feature an official visit by our International President Michel Listenberger and his wife Judy. This promises to be a great weekend, which will also feature the finals of the Oratorical Contest.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

It may have rained all day Saturday, April 22, but it didn't put a damper on the fun at our annual Progressive Dinner.

With 34 people signed up and people volunteering for either appetizers, dinner or desert, all that had to be done was to open an envelope (which was delivered to each house participating) to find out which house you were to go to at 5:30 p.m. Five members hosted people for appetizers and drinks. Around 7:00 p.m. a second envelope was opened indicating where they were to now go for dinner. Now the Aurora road race began. With people driving all over the town, everyone made it to the next destination.

Dinner was hosted by five other members. Menus varied but the fellowship was consistent. After dinner, a third and last envelope directed them to the dessert and party. Again, everyone made it and enjoyed a variety of outstanding desserts. Refreshments flowed and conversations continued through the evening.

If you weren't able to attend this year, we will announce the date early for 2007. Mark it on your calendar. It's a great evening for food, fellowship and fun.

A special thanks to all those of the committee – Tom Connor, Tom Litwiller, Carol Bartlett, Terry Sherin and Greg Way.





Bike & Board Rodeo

Saturday May 27, 2006

Rain Date: Sunday May 28

10:30 am to 3:30 pm

Organization for the bike rodeo is well under way. This event is a must for all bike and board enthusiasts but is being geared specifically for children from 3 years of age to 13 years of age. The event will take place at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Skateboard demonstrations will also be part of the event.

The event has confirmed support from the Town of Aurora, P.A.C.T., our Optimist Club, State Farm, York Regional Police and the A-Channel. Advertising should be available shortly.

This Bike and Board Rodeo promises to be a great one and a wonderful event for the kids of our community and the first time bicycles and skateboards are included together.

For further information, please contact Robert Parypa at 905-713-0774.



5th Annual Hartwell Half April 9, 2006

Aurora Optimists, now that the race is over, I'd like to pass on words from our race committee Chair, Fred De Fina.

"The volunteers showed up in big numbers and with smiles on their faces; the sponsors came through with cash and product; all the runners showed up; the food was all there; we had plenty of water, gatorade and cups; the course was coned, the toilets delivered and placed along the course; the politicians behaved; the Police, React, EMS, St. John Ambulance, Dr. Tanaka, Cyclismo where all there to ensure the safety and comfort for all our runners; the pasta dinner was well attended and the speaker was terrific; the volunteers got their morning coffee, Timbits and lots of cream; we had terrific race kits for the runners and race kits for the kids; registration went off without a hitch; we had great weather and a terrific day!

This is what the participants are saying today about the 2006 Hartwell Challenge.

The one thing they don't know is the time and effort that each and everyone of you puts into this event to make the Hartwell Challenge the great event that it is! We all have our own reasons for participating and volunteering our time and whatever those reasons are it shows in your enthusiasm and dedication for this event."

I thank all of the Optimists who helped to make this a wonderful experience for so many people, particularly the young ones, who ran the mini mile, the 5 K and the 21K 1/2 Marathon run and walk.

For those of you who were unable to participate, I look forward to seeing you next year, in what has become a high profile event for The Optimist Club of Aurora, and an unforgettable experience for countless Aurora Youth.

My job is so much easier on the Committee, when I realize what a solid group of Optimists is backing up our commitment to the race. Thank You.

Paul English, Optimist
Hartwell Half Committee



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.



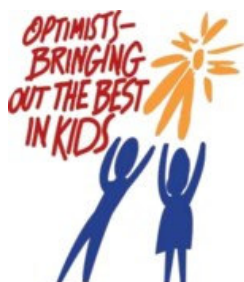
Right Here, Right Now

May 2006

	1	2 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	3 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Respect for Law - 7:00 p.m. Safety Village	12	13
14	15	16 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Quarter Board Kingston	27 Quarter Board Bike Rodeo Aurora Leisure Complex
28	29	30 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	31 Exec Mtg. -7:00 pm Business Mtg. -7:30 pm Legion			

June 2006

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4	5	6	7 Newmarket Golf 12:30 p.m. Shawneeki	8	9	10
11	12	13 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 BBQ Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Carol's Place	22	23	24
25	26	27 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	28	29	30	



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

