

The



Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora

November 2006



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Famous Quotations

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

-- George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

-- Victor Borge



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

Thank you all who came out to my inaugural on Oct. 14 and helped make it a special night. Hillary House was decked out like the grand dame she is and welcomed us to a cozy reception in the Grand Ballroom. A personal thank you to Ruth Sharp who quarterbacked the evening and for Patty, Cyndy and Eva who helped out.

Aurora Historical Society President John McIntyre dodged the inclement weather that night and took us for an interesting walk of Old Aurora. If you want to know why there is a tombstone in the shape of The Empire State Building in the Aurora Cemetery, ask someone who was there.

Getting one more round of golf in was a bit tough last month, with Greg being sick, Tom being hurt and Terry not liking his new clubs anymore, but by the end of November, the Club is shifting into high gear for some of our favourite projects.

The book club committee has taken on a couple of more members and are well on their way to planning another success. Ken Banks didn't wait for new volunteers for the Santa Claus Parade Float committee. As usual he conscripted a couple of new members and added new blood and ideas to his group. Terry will be calling on members to help out on parade day on Nov. 25. Last year the Town put on a nice meal for us at Tom and Jerry's, and hope to take advantage again this year. And we know it won't be long before Alex is on the phone collaring volunteers for the Hockey Showcase.

Some other noteworthy dates.

Nov. 11 Zone Breakfast and Meeting in Newmarket

Nov. 17 & 18, CENON convention in Barrie

Nov. 15 Dinner Meeting at Wellingtons.

Dec. 13 XMAS dinner, site to be announced

I haven't had the chance to reach out and touch all the membership yet. Hopefully you'll be able to make a meeting and/or dinner and bend my ear on what you think are Club should be about. Have a great Fall. With a little help from my friends.

Yours in Optimism

John



Help is needed again this year to marshal our great nighttime bright and colourful

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Date: November 25, 2006

Marshals are to meet at 3:00 pm at the Automotive Complex north of Orchard Heights Blvd.

Please call John Thompson @ 905-727-9002 or E-mail johnthom@aci.on.ca

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 the discussion.



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of March

October 31	Gaby Team
November 14	Otton Team
November 28	Whiting Team
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**.



1st Quarter District Conference

November 17-18

Holiday Inn, Barrie

Come out and meet International Vice President Dennis Lane and Ann.

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!

Zone Meeting

When - November 11
Place – Newmarket Optimist Club
Time – 9:00 am
Come out and learn about what other Clubs are doing.
Breakfast is included



Mark Your Calendar

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.

[We will be calling you about both dates](#)

REMINDERS

- Nov 11 – Zone Meeting, Newmarket
- Nov 17-18, 1st Quarter Board, Barrie
- Nov 25 – Santa Claus Parade, 6:00 pm
- Dec 2-3 – Book Sale, Library
- Club Bylaw and policy review and approval
- Dec 13 – Annual Christmas Dinner
- Dec 27-30, - Showcase Tournament

JUST ASK

20th Annual Aurora Optimist Book Sale



**YES! YES! YES!, it's almost that
time of year again**

**The ENORMOUS, GIANTANTIC
BOOK SALE**

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

at the

The Aurora Library

Your book sale committee is up and flying with members on board with Nora MacDonald and Ken McIsaac co-chairing the committee.

Students are also welcome to help out, particularly with the sort which will give them hourly credits to meet their required community service.

**Please call Nora MacDonald at
905-895-5767 to let her know when
you can help.**

**Volunteers are required for Friday
DECEMBER 1 starting at 4:00 pm
for sorting and to help with setup,
and for selling on Saturday and
Sunday and pack up on Sunday**

Mark the dates on your calendars

Did You Know?

The one of the first Optimist Clubs was formed in Buffalo, New York in 1911 as a club for mutual business benefit.

Psssstt !!!
**We need help
To Build the
OPTI Float for
the Parade**



If anyone is interested in helping to build the float, please let **Bill Otton** know as soon as possible at **905-727-1463**.

Inaugural



Lt. Governor Lauralee Reily installed the 2006-07 Executive in the ballroom of Hillary House.



Carol Bartlett receives the Optimist of the Year Award.



Our servers, students earning money for their exchange to help out underprivileged in Ecuador



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

November 2006

			1 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Zone Meeting - 9:00 a.m. Newmarket OC
12	13	14 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	15 Dinner Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Wellington's	16	17 1 st Quarter Board Holiday Inn Barrie	18 1 st Quarter Board Holiday Inn Barrie
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Santa Claus Parade - 6:00 p.m.
26	27	28 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	29 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Library	30		

December 2006

					1 Book Sort Library	2 Book Sale 8:00 - 4:00 Library
3 Book Sale 11:00 - 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 Xmas Dinner - 7:30 p.m. Location - TBA	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Library	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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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

