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# Opti Prime

## Optimist Club of Aurora

April 2007



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### Famous Quotations

*My luck is so bad that if I  
bought a cemetery, people  
would stop dying.*

*-- Rodney Dangerfield*

*I have never hated a man  
enough to give his diamonds  
back.*

*-- Zsa Zsa Gabor*



### *John's 19<sup>th</sup> Hole* (The President's Message)

Happy April Fools Day. The weather has been teasing us for the past couple of weeks. I was even driven to visit my storage unit and free my bag of sticks. Alas, it looks like I'll be swinging in the golf dome for the foreseeable future.

An Optimistic welcome to our new member, Tony Caceres, who was brought into the club by Ken McIsaac. Some of the members already know Tony from the help he has given the Book Sale. Hopefully everyone else will welcome him at an

upcoming meeting.

And continuing the good news that makes your President happy even in the cold weather, Paul English has submitted another membership application for our approval - another good reason to show up at the next business meeting. The steady rise in membership is a direct reflection on everyone in the Club. The amazing range of professions and talents, and the continued great work we do in Aurora, makes it a club that people want to join.

All we need to do is attract some ticket sellers. I've heard that tired old statement for years about the members of our Club. Maybe that's the reason there has been a lukewarm response to the Trip of the Month committee. Personally if all it took to not do any more bingos was to sell a few tickets, I'm there in a heartbeat. We'll see how it plays out.

Great work by Councilor Steve again as the Regional Chess Tournament wrapped up Mar.31 in Newmarket. A good cooperative effort by all the clubs in the Zone to make it happen. Steve didn't think he was going to have the time this year due to his new duties, but lo and behold, the tournaments happened. Hard to let go eh Steve.

A reminder about the Zone meeting April 22 at the Island Grove Bowling Alley at 9am. We have the alleys to ourselves, so after brekkie and the meeting lets knock some pins around. Let us know if you can attend so we can get the numbers in.

I guess being the President finally does have some perks. They finally booked the Progressive Dinner on a night I don't work - Outstanding. I expect April 28 to be one of the highlights of our social calendar.

Also a quick word on the Historica Fair taking place April 24 evening and April 25 afternoon. This is the second year we have helped out with the funding for this event and the organizers have asked if we would like to participate in the judging. Anyone interested in judging or just viewing the hard work of our Aurora students, give Paul English a call.

Looking ahead, Respect for Law is slated for May 17 and the Bike Rodeo for May 26. And for anyone interested in attending the District Convention, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is May 25 and 26 in Kingston. The bride and I plan to attend.

Keep up the great work gang.

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 Kroeplin  
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 Houser  
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

## Zone Meeting

**When – Sunday, April 22**  
**Place – Island Grove Bowling Alley, Metro Road near Woodbine**  
**Time – 9:00 a.m.**

**Come out and learn about what other Clubs are doing and then after our meeting we will be able to test our bowling techniques and have some fun. It has been rumoured that Keswick will also be paying for the bowling**



## **Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of June**

<b>April 3</b>	<b>Whiting Team</b>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Gaby Team</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Otton Team</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Whiting Team</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>Gaby Team</b>
<b>June 12</b>	<b>Otton Team</b>
<b>June 26</b>	<b>Whiting Team</b>

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**.



## **3rd Quarter District Conference**

**May 25-26**  
**Ambassador Hotel Kingston**

This is the meeting where the annual oratorical contest finals for the 2006-2007 year are held. It is an exciting time to listen to the finalists in this great contest.

In addition, there will be some great educational sessions. Get ideas from others and join in on the hospitality. Find out what our District is all about.

## **District Convention**

**September 7 - 9**  
**Quality Suites**  
**St. Catharines, Ontario**

## **Bear Up CENON!**

**Have you brought in a new member yet?**



## **A New "SHARK" is Crowned**

It was a great night with a very eager crowd that came to test their skills. Eighteen

determined Aurora Optimists members and friends joined the fun and competition in our annual Pool Tournament on March 21! The dinner provided by Quizno's and the extra pizza were great.

The night was filled with laughter and fun with all of the usual bragging rights. Neither favourite,

Anna Kroeplin or Frank Klees were present so the field was wide open. Some of the shots looked that way too.

The tournament was played as a single knockout so if you lost, you were out. As the night progressed, the sharpshooters came out. The final game was between Bob Bartlett and Sean Armstrong and from the beginning it was quickly realized that both had a mis-spent youth. Sean finally prevailed after many tense moments and was crowned the 2007 Champion.



Thank you to John O'Heir for organizing this event and providing the new "SHARK" trophy.

**PS. The Championship Game for 2006 between Terry Sherin and John Thompson has yet to take place. Hopefully it will be soon.**

## REMINDERS

- April 15 – Hartwell Run
- April 22 – Zone Meeting - Keswick
- April 25 – Heritage Fair
- April 28 – Progressive Dinner
- May 26 – Bike & Board Rodeo
- May 25, 26 – District Board Meeting, Kingston
- June 2 – Street Dance
- June 3 – Street Sale
- July 1 – Canada Day

### *Regional Tournament a Resounding Success*

Once again the Optimist Club of Newmarket hosted the Regional Chess



Tournament for the winners from the Aurora, Newmarket and Keswick Tournaments. Over 180 students participated. Thanks are extended to all



who attended and worked so hard to make this event such a great success.



### 6<sup>th</sup> annual Bob Hartwell Half Marathon April 15, 2007

This fixture of the Aurora Sports community is in its' 6<sup>th</sup> year. All signs point towards a record number of runners, walkers and sponsors. The Harwell Committee, of which our club is a member, has been meeting for several months putting the hundreds of details in order for another successful fund raising event.

The Golden Griddle has been recruited to provide the pancake breakfast. Club involvement will include registration, marshalling and helping out with breakfast.

The Club will sponsor the mini-mile.

Please contact Paul English at 905-841-4002 or email at [penglish@aci.on.ca](mailto:penglish@aci.on.ca) to let him know what time you will be there.



Our annual Respect for law dinner will be held on Thursday May 17 at the Community Safety Village at the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area.

Please plan to attend as we honour one of York Region's officers.

It will also give you an opportunity to see all of the improvements made at the Safety Village.

### Newmarket Golf Wednesday June 6 Shawneeki Golf Club

More Information to follow



### Our Display Case At the ARC

The above is a photo of our empty display case at the Aurora Recreation Complex (ARC).

An email was forwarded to all members asking for comments about what should go in the case. More importantly, we are trying to find memorabilia of the Club to put in the case. Please look in your basements and garages for any item the Club might have received over the last 22 years. If you have comments, please call Alex Ansell, Brian Marshall, John O'Heir or Grant Perry

## Montréal

2007

**89th Annual Optimist  
International Convention  
15th Annual JOOI Convention  
July 4-7, 2007  
Montréal, Quebec**

**Rooms at the Holiday Inn are  
sold out and rooms at the Delta  
Hotel are limited**



### Bike & Board Rodeo Saturday May 26, 2007

Organization for the bike rodeo is well under way. The event will take place at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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



## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

### Saturday April 28, 2007

Back by popular demand is the Annual Progressive Dinner. All members are invited to host either an appetizer/starter or dinner or contribute a dessert to be served at the "after" dinner party. As a member you can enlist your spouse, significant other or friend to actually prepare the course for you, or share the duties depending on how well you get along in the kitchen. Both appetizer/starters and dinner locations will host 6-8 people (including yourselves). If you decide to contribute a dessert, you would also base it on serving 6-8 persons (including yourselves).

The timing for the evening is tentatively as follows:

Prior to Sat. April 28<sup>th</sup> you will receive an envelope in your mailbox which will contain the address for your first stop of the night - Appetizers/Starters.

Please do not open the envelope until 5: 00PM on Sat. April 28<sup>th</sup>

5: 30PM Arrive at your assigned location for appetizers/starters.

7: 15PM Open a new envelope to find out where your next assigned location is. Wrap up your first encounter, express your appreciation to your hosts, say good bye and start off for your next fun filled adventure.

7: 30PM Arrive for dinner and if all has gone right with this process you will be sitting with a completely different group of people then you just left. If we've flawed in the process and you are reunited with a few, we did it on purpose (that's our story and we're sticking to it).

9:00PM Open your last envelope of the evening. The directions for desert and the party will be included. Again, show your hosts the appreciation they deserve for hosting such a great dinner and move on to the last stop for the evening.

Guidelines to help us out:

Appetizers/Starters - anything from soup to nuts. As a host it is your choice, soup or salad, cheese tray, veggie tray, finger foods etc. whatever you choose will be thoroughly enjoyed by your guests.

Dinner - As a host you can make it as formal or informal as you like. Your guests will be happy to eat just about anything from cabbage rolls, lasagna's, BBQ's to leg of lamb. We want our hosts to be comfortable and enjoy the evening as much as their guests will.

This night is geared towards fellowship among our group, we want everyone to have a great time and share lots of fun along the way.

If you are hosting one of the first two courses we ask that you provide refreshments as well. The Club will provide water, soft drinks, beer and wine for the party.

If you are hesitant to join us for dinner because of allergy and/or dietary restrictions, please let us know, maybe we can figure something out. Even if you could join us for the Party we would love to have you.

If you want to join in the fun or need more information, please contact Greg Way @ 905-713-2570 or Tom Connor @ 905-727-1546. The party location has been chosen already and no, you cannot be told until April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Look forward to seeing you some time that night!



### 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**

## April 2007

1	2	3 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Hartwell Run	16	17 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m	18	19	20	21
22 Zone Meeting Keswick - 9:00 a.m.	23	24	25 Heritage Fair Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Library	26	27	28 Progressive Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
29	30					

## May 2007

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



For lots of interesting information about Optimist International and its programs visit the official web site at "[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)", the Central Ontario District at "[www.cenon.ca](http://www.cenon.ca)" or our own at "[www.auroraoptimist.com](http://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](mailto:ansellas@interlog.com)

