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# Opti Prime



Optimists Bring Out the Best in Children

Les Optimistes inspirent le meilleur chez les jeunes • 2007-2008

## Optimist Club of Aurora

December 2007



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### **I've Learned**

*That you should never say  
no to a gift from a child.*

*That the best classroom in  
the world is at the feet of  
an elderly person*

*That being kind is more  
important than being  
right.*



### **Greg's Way** (The President's Message)

I don't like all the snow!! But that hasn't stopped our Club from having several great activities recently.

Thanks to all who created the prize-winning (Best Service Club) float for the Santa Claus Parade. We certainly have a lot of talented people in the Club. And thanks to all the members who volunteered to assist in marshalling the parade. It seemed that it went very smoothly especially with the additional golf carts that made our job easier.

Nora MacDonald, Ken McIsaac and their committee were responsible for one of our most successful book sales. They exceeded their own expectations and the money raised will allow us to do several things this year that we were not sure would be possible. Many members put in long hours. A sincere thank you to the committee and all the members that worked so hard to make this event a success.

Our annual Christmas party on December 12 promises to be a fun evening with Santa already practicing handing out gifts. If you can make it, we will start with wine and the Housser's at 5:30 followed by dinner at St. Andrew's Golf and Country Club at 7:30 p.m.

We still need some help to sell the remainder of the Christmas cakes. If your office could use some, if you know of a business that might assist or if you need some for gifts, contact Terry Sherin.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday season and see everyone in the New Year at our business meeting on January 2.

**Greg**



*Seasons Greetings*



## Committee Chairs

Bike & Board Rodeo - Robert Parypa  
Bingo – Brian Marshall  
Book Sale – Nora MacDonald  
- Ken McIsaac  
Bowling for Big Brothers  
- Anna Kroepflin  
Bulletin – Alex Ansell  
Chess – Steve Granger  
- Mike Varcoe  
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Dinner Meetings – Carol Bartlett  
Hartwell Run – Paul English  
Presidents' Inaugural – Greg Way  
- Carol Bartlett  
Membership – Rusty Barrese  
Members Xmas Party – John Housser  
Mobile Kitchen – Terry Sherin  
Opti Rec Hockey – Brian Walsh  
Optimist International Foundation  
- Alex Ansell  
Progressive Dinner – Greg Way  
Publicity – Diane Buchanan  
Respect for Law – Steve Hinder  
Santa Claus Parade Marshalling  
- Terry Sherin  
Santa Claus Parade Float – Bill Otton  
Showcase Tournament – Alex Ansell  
Soap Box Derby – John Thompson  
Street Dance – Carol Bartlett  
Web Site – Brian Walsh

Director – Marketing/Publicity  
- Diane Buchanan  
Director – Youth Activities  
- Glen Sharp  
Director – Community Service  
- Rob Gaby  
Director – Membership  
- Rusty Barrese  
Director – Fundraising  
- Brian Marshall  
Director - Fellowship  
- Tom Litwiller

## Children's Perception

### **KETCHUP**

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."



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

<b>December 11</b>	<b>Whiting Team</b>
<b>December 25</b>	<b>No Bingo</b>
<b>January 8</b>	<b>Gaby Team</b>
<b>January 22</b>	<b>Otton Team</b>
<b>February 5</b>	<b>Whiting Team</b>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>Gaby Team</b>
<b>March 4</b>	<b>Otton Team</b>
<b>March 18</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**.

## **HELP!!**

**We need help to sell all of the  
Christmas Cakes and  
Shortbreads**



**Sales have not been going as well as expected and we still have quite a few cakes and shortbreads to sell.**

**Let's all dig in and do our part to make this fundraiser a success.**

**Paul English has a great idea to enhance the flavour of the cakes. Take the cake out of the package, slit it open down the back, pour 6 ounces of dark rum into the slit, seal it up again, store until next Christmas and really enjoy a great cake.**



## **Mark Your Calendar December 27-30**

### **Aurora Community Centre**

**Optimist Tri-Star Skills Competitions will take place on Thursday December 27 starting at 8:00 am and continuing until 9:30 pm**

**There will not be any Celebrity Coaches game this year. The awards from the Tri-Star skills competition will be presented after the short 4 on 4 championship games for each age division on Saturday December 29. The normal final relay races and hardest shot will also take place.**

**We will be contacting you about your availability particularly for the 27th**



## **2nd Quarter District Conference**

**February 8, 9  
Newmarket Optimist  
Hall**

Numerous workshop and roundtable sessions are planned. Why not take advantage of the close proximity of the Newmarket Hall to join in on the sessions and learn more about our District.

Awards from Past Governor Terry Twocock's year will also be presented. Hopefully our Club will be a recipient of some of the awards.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Aurora Optimist Book Sale



**YES! YES! YES!, it is that time  
of year again**

**The ENORMOUS,  
GIANTANTIC BOOK SALE**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 1 -  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 2- 10:00  
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.

***Mark the dates on your calendars***

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## REMINDERS

- Dec 1-2 – Book Sale, Library
- Dec 12 – Annual Christmas Dinner
- Dec 27-30, - Showcase Tournament
- Feb 28 – Annual Chess Tournament

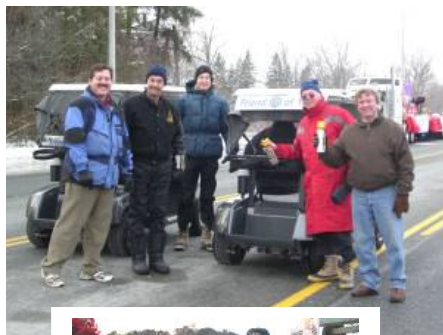
## SANTA CLAUS PARADE and FLOAT

It was a great evening, not too cold and with plenty of snow banks for the kids to sit on and “We won, again”!



On Saturday November 24, weeks of hard work came together and the Optimist Float not only entered the Aurora Santa Claus Parade, but also won- Best Service Club Float, 2007 thanks to Bill Otton, Peter Bifolchi, Todd Kroepflin, Tom Beck and Tony Casceres

The Soap Box Derby themed float consisted of Steve Phillips', (era 1967), soap box car- driven by Bob the Builder, circled by 4 smaller versions of the car, doused in hundreds of Christmas lights. It was great advertisement for our up coming Soap Box Derby and the kids on the route really seemed to like it too!



### 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.



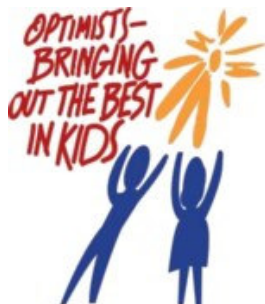
**Right Here, Right Now**

## December 2007

						1 Book Sale 8:00 - 4:00 Library
2 Book Sale 10:00 - 3:00 Library	3	4	5 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	6	7	8
9	10	11 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m	12 Xmas Dinner - 7:30 p.m. St Andrews GC	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Showcase Tri-Star Skills ACC 2	28 Showcase	29 Showcase 5:00 pm 4 on 4 & skills
30 Showcase Championship Games	31					

## January 2008

		1	2 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	3	4	5
6	7	8 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Dinner Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Jonathan's	17	18	19 Zone Meeting - 9:00 a.m. Newmarket OC
20	21	22 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m	23	24	25	26
27	28	28	30 Board 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)

