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# Opti Prime

## Optimist Club of Aurora

February 2007



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**Ken Watkins**

*Past President*

**Terry Sherin**

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*Bulletin Editor*

**Alex Ansell**

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### **Famous Quotations**

*I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.*

*-- Groucho Marx*

*I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: "No good in a bed, but fine against a wall."*

*-- Eleanor Roosevelt*



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

I guess my threat to bring my clubs to the Feb.4 Zone Breakfast will remain only an empty, frozen threat. The closest I'm going to get to a golf club for a while is the parking lot of St. Andrews.

These are kind of the dog days for the Club. Or maybe they should be called the committee days. Committees for the

Street Dance, the Street Sale, the Progressive Dinner, the Hartwell Run are all in full meeting mode in expectation of the better weather that all these events take place in. Our major event coming up is of course the Feb. 22 Chess Tournament at the Aurora Legion. Councilor Steve, with great reservations about how much time he could commit, has again thrown this event together with extra assistance from Don Stubbs, Chris Tsang and Pool Shark Anna. There will be updates in the near future about the set-up, and breakdown and the volunteers needed, but this event has run smoothly and has been a great exposure for the Club, and we are expecting the same this year.

Robert Parypa

On Feb. 7 we have our monthly business meeting and I hope a lot of members can find the time to attend. We have a couple of projects that the executive will recommend to the membership that we have to vote funds for. Also Barb Steele is going to introduce a new fund raising endeavour that she is excited about. The harsh weather is driving some of regular attendees to warmer climates, so lets get out and take care of business.

The Town of Aurora has asked us if we would be interested in the use of a display case at the new Community Centre. We have looking for an area that we could utilize for a few years and gladly took them up on the offer. We are looking for a few members to strike a committee to accumulate our various plaques and awards that are strewn throughout various past presidents garages and attics, and come up with a nice display to show the people of Aurora who we are and what we do. Historian Alex has agreed to be part of this endeavour, so please let me know if you interested in helping out.

Since Past Pres. Terry is just arriving back from his cruise, and the Walsh's and the Ways are heading south, and the lure of the highway is beckoning the Marshall's, I wish all those who are traveling a jealous wish of good weather and good times.

Yours in Optimism

*President John*

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Montréal  
2007

**89th Annual Optimist International Convention**  
**15th Annual JOOI Convention**

July 4-7, 2007  
Montréal, Quebec

## Committee Chairs

Bike & Board Rodeo - Robert Parypa  
Bingo – Tom Connor  
Book Sale – Nora MacDonald  
- Ken McIsaac  
Bowling for Big Brothers  
- Anna Kroepflin  
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

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## Zone Meeting

**When – Sunday, February 4**  
**Place – St. Andrews Golf Club**  
**Time – 9:00 a.m.**

**Come out and learn about what other Clubs are doing.**

**Special guests will be Governor Terry Twocock and First Lady Lynn.**



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

<b>February 6</b>	<b>Otton Team</b>
<b>February 20</b>	<b>Whiting Team</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Gaby Team</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>Otton Team</b>
<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**.



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## **2nd Quarter District Conference**

**February 16-17**  
**Sheraton**  
**Mississauga**

This is the annual awards meeting for all activities from the 2005-2006 year, the “You Too Can”. year and our Club is going to be recognized as an Honour Club.

Take part in the education sessions – “The ABC’s of Fraud” and “Planning Your Project – The Road Map to Success” and join in on 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!**

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## **Just Ask**

## **Check And Mate**



Volunteers are urgently need for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual

Aurora area chess tournament. The event will take place on Thursday February 22<sup>th</sup> 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 31 at the Newmarket Optimist Hall.

For more information, please call **Steve Granger** at **905-727-2035**. **Anna Kroepflin, Don Stubbs and Chris Tsang** are avidly working to coordinate this great event.

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## **REMINDERS**

- Feb 4 – Zone Meeting
- Feb 10 - Artic Adventure
- Feb 22 – Aurora Chess Legion
- Mar 21 – Pool Nite
- Mar 31 – Regional Chess Newmarket
- April 15 – Hartwell Run
- April 25 – Heritage Fair
- April 28 – Progressive Dinner
- June 2 – Street Dance
- June 3 – Soap Box Derby
- June 3 – Street Sale
- July 1 – Canada Day

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## **District Convention**

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



## Bowl for Kids Sake

It's that time of year gain.....Bowling for Kids Sake!

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 17th - 1PM – Gateway Café and Lanes formerly known as the 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 any of our members who have bowled in the past.

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

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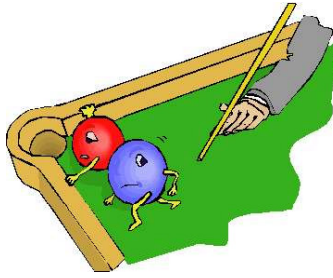
### Tenet IX

(from our Optimist Creed)

*To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others*

#### Questions for empowerment

1. How much time do you spend on the improvement of yourself?
2. What new things have you learned this month?
3. Have you formulated your personal affirmations?
4. Have you committed the Creed to memory?
5. Are you enjoying your journey to your goals?



## Pool Nite

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

DATE: Wednesday, March 21

TIME: 7:00 p.m. sharp

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

We're looking for numbers, folks! We have 5 tables from 7-10. 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. Catering will be by Quizno's.

Come out and have some fun.

Watch out for the **'SHARK'**

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### FROM THE PAST

(The Opti Prime - April 1998)

Our third annual band festival will be held on Tuesday May 12 (1998) at

Williams Secondary High School. Six Aurora bands will be taking part. Each band will play for 10 minutes and all the bands, approximately 300 musicians, will play two pieces together, one at the beginning and one at the end of the program.

Aurora Cable has agreed to film this event. Tickets are \$2 an adult with all ticket sales being given to the bands for their music programs.

The performance starts at 7:00 pm but members are needed in the afternoon for the setup and also at 5:00 pm for assisting with the bands and ticket sales. If you can help, please call **Greg Way** at 713-2570



### 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 2007

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4 Zone Meeting St. Andrews Golf Aurora - 9:00 am	5	6 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	7 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	8	9	10 Artic Adventure 11:00 – 2:30 Machell Park
11	12	13	14 	15	16 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board Sheraton, Brampton	17 Bowl for Kids 1:00 – 3:00 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board Sheraton, Brampton
18	19	20 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	21 Dinner Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Graystones	22 Aurora Chess - 8:30 a.m. Legion	23	24
25	26	27	28 Executive Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Library			

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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)

