

The



Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora

June 2007



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How to Get Along with People

*Make promises sparingly,
and keep them faithfully, no
matter what it costs.*

*Never let an opportunity
pass to say a kind and
encouraging word to or
about somebody.*

*Keep skid chains on your
tongue; always say less than
you think.*



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

To keep it short and sweet, the sound you hear is the collective sigh of 50 members exhaling as the night of June 2 arrived cloudless, rainless and warm. A beautiful night for all as we danced under the stars. We will get the numbers soon enough from our bean counter Tom, but suffice to say, this was the payback from Mother Nature for last year.

An incredible effort from our members, friends and all those who helped. Hopefully, we will have some numbers at the June 13 B.B.Q, which is also a reminder for those who have not responded yet.

Yet the good weather not only graced the Street Dance, but also our Bike Rodeo and Street Sale and First Soap Box Derby. While I was away in Kingston on May 26, Rob Parypa and friends, with the help of York Regional Police and sponsors, put the kids through their paces at the Leisure Complex. Rob has resurrected this event and we hope for a continued support in the future.

As usual, the Street Sale was a smash success. No matter if its raining, sunning or whatever, the residents of Aurora and surrounding area just love to strut their stuff up an down Yonge St. Good work again by Terry and the burger cookers to make this a fun day for us.

And for all who visited the first annual Down Downtown Dash sponsored by the Aurora Optimists Club, you will realize that we have a great event that we have tied on to. The kids spent all day racing down Cousins Dr. and we had residents giving away free refreshments, showing off their old racers and just enjoying the day with all the kids.

But after all the fun this weekend, your intrepid Pres has hit the wall. Mrs. Pres allowed me to go and play with the other Opti's on Wednesday at Shawneeki but took the phone away from me for the rest of the week.

I will resurface on the 13th at Carols where I hope Greg and Tom's wine will match the success we have achieved this year. Until that time, tee times only please.

With a lot of help from my friends.

John Thompson

Proud President of the Aurora Optimist Club

PS John's foursome won the Billy Ball contest. They now have a sleeve each of Noodle Ice Balls

Committee Chairs

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

INAUGURAL DINNER

Our annual *Inaugural Dinner* will take place Saturday, September 29 at St. Andrew's Valley Golf Course. This is where president John gets to acknowledge some of the achievements from this year, where the new executive is installed and where we kick off our new Optimist year. More details to follow.

Rumour has it there may be some addressing of the ball involved.



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of September

June 12	Otton Team
June 26	Whiting Team
July 10	Gaby Team
July 24	Otton Team
August 7	Whiting Team
August 21	Gaby Team
September 4	Otton Team
September 18	Whiting 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**.



4th Quarter District Convention September 7-9

Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre

In addition to the regular meetings, training will take place for incoming Lt. Governors Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers. The new Governor elect will be elected at the General Assembly and there will be a memorial service.

This will be a great time to renew old acquaintances and make new friend. The entertainment at the Oldtimers/Family breakfast will be a hoot and there will also be great entertainment at the Governor's Dinner Festivities on the Saturday night.

Newmarket Golf

**Wednesday June 6
Shawneeki Golf Club**

We had a great time. More to follow in the July/August Prime.

“Special Hot News”



Photo Courtesy of the Auran

To all the Opti Members:

Bill and I would like to thank all who came to witness our marriage vows on Saturday June 2. It was a real boost to see so many friends in the church as we begin our life together and for all of the wedding gifts.

The BBQ is absolutely amazing!!!! I...I mean, we really have to thank everyone for the BBQ. Unfortunately couldn't use it today (June 3rd) because of the rain, so Bill didn't get his steak. He was very disappointed!

Bill tells me that I have to use the gift certificate from Pristines Meat soon because his mouth is watering for a steak, but Scott wants my famous ribs.

Valerie woke up and kissed the BBQ and then kissed me, go figure. I didn't realize that Valerie married me to get a BBQ. Oh not just any BBQ, apparently the best BBQ in the world!!

Seriously, we want to thank everyone for coming to the church and for cocktails at the Legion. Some of you we missed, due to photos and we apologize for that.

We both would like to give a special thank you to Bill Carberry as the best man for all his organization behind the scenes and for a wonderful speech. Bill was outstanding as Master of ceremonies, he kept the celebration moving with humour and Bill O is especially grateful for seconds before some of the guests had firsts.

Thank you again to everyone.

Bill and Valerie Otton



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



Constable Allan Tucker, Det. Nick Ibott and Det. Frank Badowich were honoured for their efforts in apprehending an arsonist setting fires in dumpsters in the Aurora area. He was subsequently charged with 17 counts of arson and one of mischief.



Special recognition was also given to Karen Richards for her exemplary work in coordinating the activities at the Community Safety Village.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended and the event gave us an opportunity to see how well the Safety Village has progressed.



Bike & Board Rodeo Saturday May 26, 2007

More to follow in the July/August Prime



Correction

The election results published in the May Opti Prime were in error. The returning or 1 year directors are:

**Brian Marshall
Glen Sharp
Rusty Barresse**

Montréal 2007

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



The Optimist International Board of Directors as the month of June as Childhood Cancer Month. Remember to do your part to assist in stamping out his horrendous disease. See the District Bulletin CENON News for further information.



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.



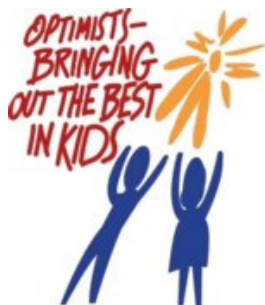
Right Here, Right Now

June 2007

					1	2 Street Dance
3 Street Sale	4	5	6 Newmarket Golf - 11:00 Shawneeki	7	8	9
10	11	12 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m	13 Wrap up BBQ - 7:00 p.m. Carol's Place	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m	27	28	29	30

July 2007

1 Canada Day Mobile Kitchen	2	3	4 International Convention Montreal	5 International Convention Montreal	6 International Convention Montreal	7 International Convention Montreal
8	9	10 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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

