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Opti Prime



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Optimist Club of Aurora

November 2007



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As I've Matured

I've learned that one good turn gets most of the blankets.

I've learned that 99% of the time when something isn't working in your house, one of your kids did it

I've learned that it takes years to build up trust, and it only takes suspicion, not proof, to destroy it.



Greg's Way (The President's Message)

A special thank you to all who attended the October 3 business meeting – and on time! It was nice to start the year off with good attendance.

Our speaker for the October 17 dinner meeting was Margaret MacKay. Margaret's talk about renovations was very informative. You can find all her information on her website www.renocontractors.com. And if you weren't there, the service and the food were both excellent at Jonathan's.

Join us on November 21 for another dinner meeting. Our special guest speaker will be Suzanne Gardiner, E&J Gallo Winery, who will talk to us about wines and the difference between the various grapes. AND there will be wine to sample!!

On October 28, we hosted the first Quarter Zone meeting. Lt Gov Lauralee Reily chaired a breakfast meeting at St. Andrew's with representatives from Optimist Clubs in Newmarket, Keswick, Richmond Hill and 10 members of our own Club. Governor Brian Wick was also in attendance.

Soon we will be receiving our Christmas cakes and Shortbread cookies for sale. Terry Sherin, Ken Banks, and Brian Marshall will be getting all the information to you shortly.

November is one of our busiest months. The Santa Claus Parade float committee has been busy getting the new float ready and we will also need a lot of volunteers to assist Terry Sherin with the Santa Claus Parade marshalling on November 24. Please put your name on the list and have some fun.

Then we jump right into the book sale with sorting on Nov 30 and the actual sale on December 1 and 2. For our new members, this is our biggest single fund raiser of the year and we need everyone's help.

See you at all the November events and don't forget to keep Wednesday, December 12 open for our annual Christmas Dinner Party at St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club.

Greg



Hi Optimists, it's me, Santa.

Don't forget I'm coming to town on Saturday November 24. Watch for me in my sleigh at the end of the gala night-time parade.

Committee Chairs

Bike & Board Rodeo - Robert Parypa
Bingo – Brian Marshall
Book Sale – Nora MacDonald
- Ken McIsaac
Bowling for Big Brothers
- Anna Kroeplin
Bulletin – Alex Ansell
Chess – Steve Granger
- Mike Varcoe
COLS – John Thompson
Communications – Carol Bartlett
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 –
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

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

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**.



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of January

October 2	Gaby Team
October 16	Otton Team
October 30	Whiting Team
November 13	Gaby Team
November 27	Otton Team
December 11	Gaby Team
December 25	No Bingo
January 8	Whiting Team
January 22	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**.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE



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

**Date: Saturday November 24,
2007**

Marshals are to meet at 3:00 pm at the Automotive Complex north of Orchard Heights Blvd. Parade starts at 6 p.m.

Please call **Terry Sherin** @ **905-727-3154** or E-mail tsherin@tebnet.com



Mark Your Calendar December 27-30

Aurora Community Centre

Optimist Tri-Star Skills Competitions will take place on **Thursday 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 **Saturday December 29**.

We will be calling you about both dates



1st Quarter District Conference

**November 16, 17
Holiday Inn Express
Milton**

Come out and meet International Vice President Earl Pollock and his wife Connie from Coquitlam, B.C.

Take part in one or more of the 8 different workshop sessions and the round table discussions. For details of the sessions, please go to the CENON website at "www.cenon.ca". Get ideas from others and join in on the hospitality. Find out what our District is all about.

Then afterwards, join Milton for their 40th anniversary party at the Milton Sports Centre.

21st Annual Aurora Optimist Book Sale



YES! YES! YES!, it's almost 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.

**Volunteers are required for
Friday NOVEMBER 30 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



REMINDERS

- Nov 16-17, 1st Quarter Board, Milton
- Nov 24 – Santa Claus Parade, 6:00 pm
- Dec 1-2 – Book Sale, Library
- Dec 12 – Annual Christmas Dinner
- Dec 27-30, - Showcase Tournament



Fruitcakes & Shortbreads

Fruitcakes and shortbreads have
been ordered and are

for sale by Club members.

See Terry Sherin for more
information.

Children's Stories

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked,
"Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot
of fishing when he was on the arc?"

"No", replied Johnny. "How could he
with just two worms".

LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday school teacher was
describing how Lot's wife looked
back and turned into a pillar of
salt, when little Jason interrupted,
"My Mummy looked back once,
while she was driving," he
announced triumphantly, "and
she turned into a telephone pole!"

HIGHER POWER

A Sunday school teacher said to
her children, " We have been
learning how powerful kings and
queens were in Bible times. But,
there is a higher power. Can
anybody tell me what it is?" One
child blurted out, "Aces!"



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.



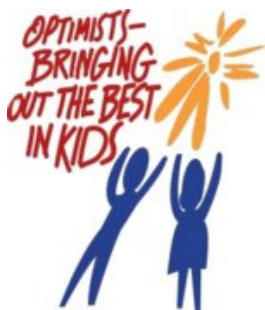
Right Here, Right Now

November 2007

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4	5	6	7 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	8	9	10
11	12	13 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m	14	15	16 1 st Quarter District Conference Milton	17 1 st Quarter District Conference Milton
18	19	20	21 Dinner Mtg 7:30 p.m. Jonathan's	22	23	24 Santa Claus Parade 6:00 pm
25	26	27 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m	28 Board Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Library	29	30 Book Sort Library	

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 Board Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Library	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Showcase Tri-Star Skills ACC 2	28 Showcase	29 Showcase 6:00 pm Celebrity Game
30 Showcase Championship Games	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

