

The

Opti Prime



Optimists Bring Out the Best in Children

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

Optimist Club of Aurora

October 2007



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As I've Matured

I've learned that artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

I've learned that it is not what you wear; it is how you take it off.

I've learned that you shouldn't compare yourself to others - they are more screwed up than you think.



Greg's Way (The President's Message)

Even though the golf season continues for some of us, summer is over and that means we start a new Optimist year.

I am very proud to be asked to serve as president of the Optimist Club of Aurora. The Club was founded in 1985 and has served the youth of Aurora for 23 years. Over the years we have supported numerous activities ranging from Opti Rec Hockey to the Aurora Public Library Children's section to the Community Safety Village.

I look forward to working with 2007-2008 Board of Directors who have already met and are ready to continue the tradition of excellence in the Club. In particular, I am very pleased to have 6 Past Presidents on the Board – Alex Ansell as secretary, Tom Connor as treasurer, Ken Banks as Vice President, Rob Gaby as Community Services Director, Brian Marshall as Fund Raising Director and Past President John Thompson. Their experience and wisdom will be invaluable.

Last year, president John Thompson led us through an incredible year of activities and growth. Membership is strong, our financial situation is excellent, and our service to the community is greater than ever. I wish to congratulate John, in particular, for bringing the annual Soap Box Derby to our Club. This event will get us involved directly with the youth in Aurora and will help increase our public profile.

A special thank you to all who attended our annual Presidents' Night Inaugural on September 29. 59 people – 100% of the Board of Directors – 11 Past Presidents – and our 2 newest members. It was a great way to finish off John's year and to kick start our new one.

So as we start this new year, I encourage all of you to attend our functions regularly, bring forth any ideas or concerns you may have, ask a friend or neighbour to join the Club and be part of our club fellowship. This is a great club with great people and representing a broad cross section of the Aurora community. I look forward to working with each and every one of you this year.

Greg



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

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Date: Saturday November 24, 2007

Marshals are to meet at 3:00 pm at the Automotive Complex north of Orchard Heights Blvd.

Please call John Thompson @ 905-727-9002 or E-mail johnthom@aci.on.ca

Committee Chairs

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

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 December

October 2	Gaby Team
October 16	Otton Team
October 30	Whiting Team
November 13	Gaby Team
November 27	Otton Team
December 11	Gaby 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**.

Meet Our Newest Members

Sheila Kovacs



Sheila lives in Aurora and works in the area of financial planning for insurance. Her hobbies include boating, golf, travel and enjoying the outdoors.

Tad Gacich



Tad lives in Newmarket but works in Aurora in the area of financial planning. His hobbies include golf, tennis, travel, hockey and wine tasting. Tad has coached hockey and soccer.



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](#)

REMINDERS

- **Oct 28 – Zone Meeting, Aurora**
- **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**

[Zone Meeting](#)

When – **October 28**
Place – **St. Andrews Golf Club**
Time – **9:00 am**
Come out and learn about what other Clubs are doing.
Breakfast is included

GOLF OUTING AND PRESIDENTS' NIGHT INAUGURAL

Our annual Presidents' Night Inaugural started out with a golf outing at St. Andrews Valley Golf Course. 24 members and spouses signed up. The weather was great, the fellowship was excellent and the golf was..... hmmm!! Goodie bags were on each cart.

Then we met back at St. Andrews for the evening. 37 members, 22 spouses and Lt Gov Lauralee Reily were present. Golf prizes were awarded to Barb Connor, Peter Bifulchi and Greg Way for the Closest To The Pin. Barb Connor and Jane Hinder were thanked for preparing the goodie bags and Terry Sherin for booking the tee times.

Magician Anne Goodwin entertained the group and created our three angels.



Current President John Thompson presented the Optimist of The Year Award to Tom Connor in recognition of the many projects that he has worked on and been treasurer of.



Incoming President Greg Way then presented John his President's Plaque.

Lt Gov Lauralee called all the Directors and Officers forward and installed them in their offices for 2007-2008.



New President Greg then discussed some ideas for the coming year, encouraged members to bring in more new members and to attend meetings and the fellowship events.

It was a great way to end an outstanding year and to start a new one.

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



1st Quarter District Conference

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



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.



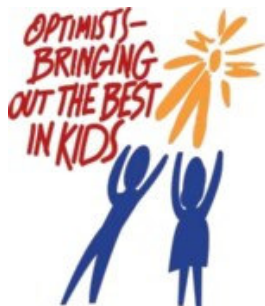
Right Here, Right Now

October 2007

	1	2 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m	3 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	4	5	6
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14	15	16 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m	17 Dinner Mtg 7:30 p.m. Jonathan's	18	19	20
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28 Zone Meeting St. Andrews GC - 9:00 a.m.	29	30 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m	31			

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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

