

The

Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora

April 2008



Optimists Bring Out the Best in Children

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



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And Now You Know

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

A snail can sleep for three years.



Greg's Way (The President's Message)

It sounds like March was one heck of a month in Aurora. Spring must be around the corner! Although we had a great time in Florida, it is nice to be back.

I have to thank Carol Bartlett for taking over while I was able to get away from the snow and enjoy the sun and beach (and golf) in Florida. It is greatly appreciated but mainly it is comforting to know the club is in such capable hands. Carol – I owe you one (or more)!

Congratulations to Steve Granger and everyone who helped at the Chess Tournament. From all reports, it sounds like it was another major success. And we had another Big Brothers Bowling tournament as well as our first time participation in the Girl Guides Easter Egg Hunt.

By now you have received the information about the Progressive Dinner on Saturday, April 12. Tom Connor is putting the groups together and once again, we will enjoy the fellowship of our Optimist club members and spouses. I especially encourage newer members to participate as it's an easy and excellent way to get to know your fellow members.

Congratulations to all who were elected at the business meeting on April 2 to the 2008-2009 Board of Directors for the Optimist Club of Aurora. A special recognition goes to Carol Bartlett as our next president and to Ken Banks as president elect for 2009-2010. Thanks to all who attended the meeting. It is important to get out to the meetings to express your views and to vote on issues that affect our club.

In May, we will be holding our annual Respect For Law dinner hosted by Steve Hinder. This year we will be holding it May 21 at St. Andrews Golf Course. Please mark this down on your calendar for you and your spouse to attend.

I'm looking forward to Spring and the golf season. It will also be a busy time for the club so once again I encourage you to volunteer for the upcoming activities and get involved.

Greg



Progressive Dinner

April 12

Please Let Tom Connor know if you are attending



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
 - 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

REMINDERS

- Apr 12 - Progressive Dinner
- Apr 27 – Hartwell Run
- May 21 – Respect for Law
- May 30 – Bicycle Rodeo
- May 31 – Street Dance
- June 1 – Soap Box Derby
- June 1 – Street Sale
- June 4 – Newmarket Golf
- June 18 – Summer BBQ



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of August

April 1	Gaby Team
April 15	Otton Team
April 29	Whiting Team
May 13	Gaby Team
May 27	Otton Team
June 10	Whiting Team
June 24	Gaby Team
July 8	Otton Team
July 22	Whiting Team
Aug 5	Gaby Team
Aug 19	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 **Brian Marshall at 905-727-6732.**

Zone Meeting

LOCATION: Baldwin Bowl. 4 km n of the Ravenshoe Rd on Hwy 48.
DATE: Sunday May 4
TIME: 9:00 am

Breakfast will be hosted by the Optimist Club of Keswick followed by the 3rd Quarter Zone meeting, where nominations and elections for Lt. Governor for 2008-2009 will take place. The only criteria for Lt. Gov. is that one has to be a past president.

Then be prepared to have some fun bowling. The "Fur-Lined Piss-Pot" and Horses Ass" trophy will be presented to the "winners" and "losers" of this fun activity. Our Club won the "Fur-Lined Piss-Pot" last year.



3rd Quarter District Conference and Oratorical Finals

**Ambassador
Hotel, Kingston
May 23, 24**

Regional Chess

The regional tournament held at the Legion on March 29 was the best to date. Members assisting were Stephen Granger, Chris Tsang, Don Stubbs, Alex Ansell, Glen Sharp, John Thompson, Peter Bifulchi and



particularly Michael Varcoe assistance in organizing the event. Sheril Thomson and Frank Tuttle from the OC Keswick also helped out.



Engagements

Paul & Rose
Chris and Evelyn
Don and Janice
Tom and Sheila



Pool Nite

RESULTS

- #1 – Paul English
- #2 – Glen Sharp
- #3 – Todd Kroeplin
- #4 - Rob Gaby

Most Honest - Diane Buchanan



Congratulations to Paul, Glen, Todd and Rob G. who were the overall winners of the tournament. It was a pleasure to watch their skills at work!

There was an excellent turnout at our Annual Pool



tournament with just over 30 attending, and 24 people who played. The double-elimination 8-ball tournament at Cue Zone met with rave reviews, and we were out of there by 10:00 pm!

HUGE KUDOS to John O'Heir for getting a wonderful caterer to supply an excellent dinner of hot roast beef sandwiches, pasta and salads!

Thanks to all who made it such a success! Hope to see you out there next year!

Anna Kroeplin

Pool Sub-committee Member



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.

Aurora Chess

February 29, 2008



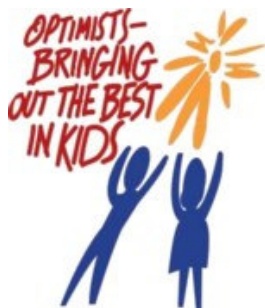
Right Here, Right Now

April 2008

		1 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m.	2 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Progressive Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
13	14	15 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Hartwell Run - 8:00 a.m. Wells School	28	29 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m.	30 Board Mtg - 7:00 p.m. Library			

May 2008

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4 Zone Meeting - 9:00 a.m. Baldwin Bowl	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	17
18	19	20	21 Respect for Law - 7:30 p.m. St. Andrews	22	23 District Quarter Board Meeting Kingston	24 District Quarter Board Meeting Kingston
	26	27 Bingo Otton Team - 4:45 p.m.	28 Board Mtg - 7:00 p.m. Library	29	30 Bike Rodeo	31 Street Dance



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

