

The

Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora

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And Now You Know

A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

The cruise liner, QE 2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.



Greg's Way (The President's Message)

It's hard to be an Optimist in the middle of winter!! But we try.

On Saturday, January 19, we had a Zone meeting in Newmarket. Lt Gov Lauralee is doing a excellent job again this year and we had a good attendance. We continue to be one of the stronger clubs in the zone and the district. As well, Optimist Ken Banks and I attending the press conference on January 15 for the launch of Neighbourhood Network. We were the first organization to sign on as a partner.

On Friday, January 25, several of us from the Club were at the retirement reception for Colleen Abbott – head librarian, Aurora Public Library. We have had a very positive relationship with the Aurora Public Library (we have donated over \$110,000.00 over the years) and the library has progressed tremendously. Much of this has to do with Colleen's leadership over the part 20 years. She will be missed but we will continue our support of the Library.

Our February dinner meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20 at Jonathan's. Our speaker will be club member Chris Tsang who will talk to us about holistic health principles and a healthy lifestyle and how it relates to dental health. It's great to have a club member offer to share their special knowledge with us.

Take a look at the upcoming events in the Opti Prime. We have the Artic Adventure, Big Brothers Bowling and the Chess Tournament all happening in February. On April 12, we will have our annual Progressive Dinner. Sign up won't take place late March but make sure you are available for another great evening.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings and events in February. There are some new ideas that will be brought to the Club for discussion and to give the board some direction. We need input from everyone so please attend the business meeting on Wednesday, February 6.

Greg



2nd Quarter District Conference and Awards Luncheon Newmarket Optimist Hall February 8,9

Numerous workshop and roundtable sessions are planned. Why not take advantage of the close proximity of the Newmarket Hall to join in on the sessions and learn more about our District. Our Club has been asked to make a presentation on our Tri-Star program.

Awards from Past Governor Terry Twocock's year will also be presented. Hopefully our Club will be a recipient of some of these awards

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
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Hartwell Run – Paul English
Presidents' Inaugural – Greg Way
 - Carol Bartlett
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Members Xmas Party – John Housser
Mobile Kitchen – Terry Sherin
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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

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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

Useful Hints

Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if your want a stronger taste of garlic.



Bingo Dates and Teams until the end of March

February 5	Whiting Team
February 19	Gaby Team
March 4	Otton Team
March 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 **Brian Marshall at 905-727-6732.**

REMINDERS

- Feb 8-9 - District Conference
- Feb 9 – Artic Adventure
- Feb 23 – Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowling
- Feb 28 – Annual Chess Tournament
- Mar 19 - Pool Nite
- Apr 12 - Progressive Dinner
- Apr 27 – Hartwell Run

Meet our Newest Inductee



Don Constable

Check And Mate



Volunteers are urgently needed for the 12th

Annual Aurora area chess tournament. The event will take place on Thursday February 28th 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 29 at the Legion.

For more information, please call **Steve Granger at 905-727-2035** or **Michael Varcoe at 905-727-2151.**



Bowl for Kids Sake

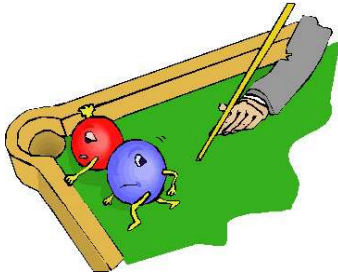
It's that time of year again
Bowling for Kids Sake!

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 23rd - 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.



Pool Nite

Double Knockout (you have to lose twice to be eliminated)

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

DATE: Wednesday, March 19

TIME: Food 6:30, start 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 catered food.

Come out and have some fun.

Watch out for the 'SHARK'

Tenet I

(from our Optimist Creed)

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind:

Questions for empowerment

1. What is it that seems to always upset you?
2. What can you do to address and eliminate the situation?
3. What does peace of mind mean to you?
4. Do you feel that you are content at this point in your life?
5. What are some creative ways to strengthen your emotional and mental state?

Excerpted from "The Power of the Creed" - Optimism as a Way of Life by James M. Rankin



A Dime a Day!

Can anyone afford this huge amount of money? Most of us spend money thoughtlessly on small things.

There's an old saying, "Mind the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves." It's true that if we pay attention to how we spend our pennies, we will have more dollars.

How often have you been in the checkout and picked up an item you didn't really need, or that coffee and donut at the drive through or the candy bar after paying for gas?

Saving dimes is easy. Bypassing the vending machine, brown bagging your lunch, forgetting the donut and clipping grocery coupons are only some of the ways to save your dimes.

Why not start saving now and participate in the Dime a Day program of the Optimist International Foundation of Canada. All gifts contributed are unrestricted and help to fund the Optimist scholarships and JOOI. Dime a Day gifts are important and are tax deductible. During 2008, can you save #36.50?

Contribution forms are available from your Club Foundation Rep for your contribution.

Alex S. Ansell
Club Foundation Rep

Splinters Anyone

Smart splinter remover. Just pour a drop of Elmer's Glue-All over the splinter, let dry, and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter sticks to the dried glue.



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

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3	4	5 Bingo Whiting Team - 4:45 p.m	6 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Aurora Legion	7	8 District Conf. - 7:30 p.m. Newmarket	9 District Conf. Newmarket Artic Adventure
10	11	12	13	14 Valentines Day 	15	16
17	18	19 Bingo Gaby Team - 4:45 p.m	20 Dinner Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Jonathan's	21	22	23 Big Brothers/ Sisters Bowling Aurora Bowl
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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

