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Opti Prime



Optimists Bring Out the Best in Children

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Optimist Club of Aurora

July/August 2008



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Points to Remember

The latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population

It's not whether you win or lose, but how you place the blame.

Gaseous clouds have been detected around Uranus



Greg's Way (The President's Message)

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the summer – relaxing, golfing, vacationing, whatever! Although we don't have any meetings until September 3, a few of us will continue to be busy through the summer as we prepare for the Magna Hoedown.

As you know, we applied and were accepted as one of the organizations that would work the Hoedown and share in the profits. In addition to providing manpower for the event, we have to find silent auction prizes, sell raffle tickets and sell event tickets. All of this during August when we don't meet as a club!

So PLEASE do your share to make this opportunity the best it can be for the Club and the community. You have been sent information regarding our commitment as a club and as a member. If everyone does their share, it will work.

As well, please mark down September 20 in your calendar as our annual Presidents' Night. This is our night to recognize what went on this year, look forward to next and to induct our new board of directors.

Enjoy the summer and see everyone in September.

Greg

Pics from the Year



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

- **July 1 – Pancake Brunch & Mobile kitchen**
- **July 13 – Zone Meeting**
- **August 8,9 District Convention, Oshawa**
- **Sept 3 – Business Mtg**
- **Sept 20 – President's Night**
- **October 1 – Business Mtg**
- **October 15 – Dinner Mtg.**

Town of Auora 2008 Volunteer Service Awards

On Wednesday June 4, 2008, the following members of the Optimist Club of Aurora received recognition awards from the Town of Aurora for their volunteer service to the Town:

5 year Patricia Back
 Anna Kroeplin
 Todd Kroeplin
 Nora MacDonald
 Janice Walsh

10 year Frank Ramagnano
 Brian Walsh



4th Quarter District Meeting, Training and Convention

**Holiday Inn, Oshawa
August 8, 9**

Events will include training, a golf tournament, guest activities, wine and cheese, educational workshops, memorial service, election of Governor-Elect, Oldtimers breakfast and entertainment, Governor's dinner and entertainment, and much, much more.

Zone Meeting

LOCATION: Legion, Richmond Hill
Date: Sunday July 13
Time: 9:00 am

Breakfast will be hosted by the Optimist Club of Richmond Hill, followed by the 4th Quarter Zone Meeting.

Home Remedies

Heinz vinegar to heal bruises ...
Soak a cotton ball in white vinegar and apply it to the bruise for 1 hour.
The vinegar reduces the blueness and speeds up the healing process.

June BBQ

What a great night we had for our pre-summer BBQ! The weather cooperated and attendance was excellent.



On behalf of all the club members, I want to thank Carol and Bob Bartlett for once again offering their home and yard for our annual June BBQ. We all know that despite the help one gets, it is a LOT of work to host that many people.



Carol would like to thank the people who help her out year after year. That would be our Chefs - Rob Whiting and Terry Sherin, The Salad Queen - Jaine Klees, The Ice Cream Man - Rusty Barresse and the Set up Crew - Diane Buchanan and Judy Sherin.



Also, new to the BBQ Team is the Buttertart Queen -Cathy Constable. Of course, the clean up crew, too many to mention.

Greg Way

Central Ontario Junior Golf Tournament



After our successful first Junior Golf Tournament, 6 kids were invited to participate in the District Tournament held Monday, June 23 at the Caldedon Golf and Country Club. Although the youngest had to play the last few holes in the rain, the tournament was a great success and our kids did themselves proud. Here is how they did:

Boys 16-18
Alex McKee - 88
Keegan Tyers - 85

Boys 14-15
Harris Bundy - 77 - placed 2nd and qualifies to advance to Canadian Tournament in London in August
Jordan Bakhsh - 81 qualifies to advance to Canadian Tournament in London
Danny McConnell - 93

Boys 10-11
Alex Vegh - 82 - **WINNER** and qualifies to advance to Florida for the Optimist Junior World Golf Championship and to the Canadian Tournament in London



Congratulations to all of them. What a great group of kids!!

Fab Four at Newmarket

The day was overcast, spirits were high and the camaraderie was fantastic. Four stalwart individuals, Jaine Klees, Tom Mrakas, Peter Bifolchi and Alex Ansell braved the elements and represented our Club at the 15th annual Newmarket Optimist Golf Tournament held at the Shawneeki Golf Club.



In spite of the loss of the "Billy Ball" everyone had a great time and the team managed to shoot par. All festivities were wrapped up by 8:15, which is much earlier than usual.

Georgian Bay Barn Party

The annual Georgian Bay barn party (aka: Deliverance with women) is happening this year on July 19, 2008.

Events will include barn jamming, pig roast, tenting etc.

We will be overlapping with a local group of friends that held their wedding in the barn.

Let me know if you can make it.

Don Stubbs

Home Remedies

Sore throat? Just mix 1/4 cup of vinegar with 1/4 cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day.
The vinegar kills the bacteria.



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

July 2008

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| | | 1 Canada Day Pancake Brunch & Mobile Kitchen | 2 International Convention Grapevine, Texas | 3 International Convention Grapevine, Texas | 4 International Convention Grapevine, Texas | 5 International Convention Grapevine, Texas |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Zone Meeting Richmond Hill 9:00 am | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Board Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Library | 31 | | |

August 2008

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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

