

The

Opti Prime



Optimist Club of Aurora

October 2008



2008-2009 Executive

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Points to Remember

**Money isn't everything,
but it sure keeps the kids
in touch**

**If at first you don't
succeed, skydiving is not
for you**

**You are not drunk if you
can lie on the floor
without holding on**



Carol's Corner (The President's Message)

Welcome to Optimist year 2008/2009. I'm happy to be President this year for many reasons. One, Greg Way.....I am following in some big foot steps literally and figuratively. Greg has been a great teacher and motivator over this past year and I hope I can continue in that same fashion. Two more reasons, the Secretary Alex Ansell and Treasurer Tom Connor. Both of these guys are priceless and with their assistance and guidance the year should run a smooth course. As well, we have a great Board of Directors with a mix of long time members, some new members

and a few past presidents. The wealth of experience is immeasurable. Of course one of the main reasons I am pleased to be your 24th President is due to the membership. We have a hardworking club ready to volunteer many hours per year helping the club to grow and stay strong, so that in the end all of our efforts benefit the youth of Aurora. Let's continue the success from our past years and have a great deal of fun while we are at it!!!

Speaking of fun, we had the Opti-Lympics on President's Night Saturday September 20th. We had 5 teams representing the colours of the rings. Each team was randomly selected to participate in 5 death defying acts of wit, intelligence, skill, co-ordination, luck and "fabrication". After the events were over we had a wonderful dinner, catered by O'Malleys. We followed dinner with our medal ceremonies and then our President Greg Way summed up the year for us, noting our many successes. Greg handed out the 2007/2008 awards and Lauralee Reilly inducted the new Board for 2008/2009. The 2007/2008 awards were presented by Greg to various members, starting with plaques of appreciation for our long time Bingo Captains, Rob Gaby, Bill Otton and Rob Whiting. These guys kept those teams going for over 13 years. Next we had a new award this year, Rookie of the Year, this honour went to the husband and wife team, Peter and Tricia Bifolchi. Even before they were members they were volunteering for us. The President's Citation Award was bestowed this year on our own King of the Mobile Hot Dog Stand, Terry Sherin. Not only does Terry drag that thing all over Aurora he treats it like he would a 1967 Mustang, always spit and polishing it. Add to that his task as Parade Marshall and countless other Optimist projects, he certainly deserves to be recognized as an outstanding member. A very worthy Bill Otton was presented a Life Membership in Optimist International. Last but not least is the Optimist of the Year, Mr. Optimism himself, Alex Ansell. Believe it or not this is Alex's first award for Optimist of the Year. You can't begin to list Alex's contributions year after year because the list keeps getting longer. Alex is Secretary, Bulletin Editor, Chair of the Showcase Tournament, Photographer, Volunteer at every event etc. etc. etc. This year with short notice but enthusiasm Alex volunteered as a member of the Hoedown Committee and took the important role of Raffle Ticket Administrator. Alex made sure our commitment to Magna was met by ensuring the club would sell 1200 tickets. The distribution and collection plus the required record keeping for this event were in itself an event. I then presented Greg Way with his President Plaque for a wonderful and successful year as our President. Congratulations to you all!

A special thank you to Brian Marshall, Mary Beth Marshall, Ruth Sharp, Diane Buchanan, Carolyn Trussler, Bob Bartlett, Rob Bartlett and Kate and Marcel Forget for helping to organize set up and run our Opti-Lympics 2008.

Carol

Committee Chairs

Bike & Board Rodeo -
Book Sale – Nora MacDonald
- Ken McIsaac
Bowling for Big Brothers
- Carol Bartlett
Bulletin – Alex Ansell
Chess – Steve Granger
- Mike Varcoe
COLS – John Thompson
Communications – Carol Bartlett
Dinner Meetings – Carol Bartlett
Hartwell Run – Paul English
Membership – Brian Walsh
Members Xmas Party –
Mobile Kitchen – Terry Sherin
Opti Rec Hockey – Brian Walsh
Optimist International Foundation
- Alex Ansell
Presidents' Nite – Carol Bartlett
- Ken Banks
Progressive Dinner – Carol Bartlett
Publicity – Diane Buchanan
Respect for Law – Steve Hinder
Santa Claus Parade Marshalling
– Terry Sherin
Santa Claus Parade Float – Anna
Kroepelin
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
- Tony Caceres
Director – Community Service
- Bill Otton
Director – Membership
- Brian Walsh
Director – Fundraising
- Barb Steele
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 Anna Kroepelin know as soon as possible at **905-751-0184**.

Meet our Newest Inductee



Carolyn Trussler

Story from the Green Team

During the events of Presidents' Nite, there was an opportunity for each team to make up a story. Each member of the team could only use two words from a specific list and could not view what other members of the team had written. Here is the winning story from the Green Team

Once upon a time in Aurora Snow White saw a rainbow in the sky. The clock radio doesn't work and then the town fathers went out with the lawnmower and mulched the caterpillar. Santa Claus was naked on the red carpet. Dick and Jane went down Young Street in a pick up truck. After applying the feathers to everyone we all did salsa dancing. At the end of the day they traded in their poker chips for the handcuffs to use later in the evening.

22nd Annual Aurora Optimist Book Sale



YES! YES! YES!, it's almost that time of year again

**The ENORMOUS,
GIANTANTIC BOOK SALE**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29 -
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30 -
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 28 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

- * October 1 – Business Meeting
- * October 29 – Board Meeting
- * November 5 – Business Meeting
- * November 21,22 – District Quarter Board
- * November 22 – Santa Claus Parade
- * November 28-30 - Annual Book Sale
- * October 15 – Dinner Meeting
- * November 2 – Zone Meeting
- * November 19 – Dinner Meeting
- * November 26 – Board Meeting
- * December 27-31 – Showcase

Presidents' Nite

And oh what a night it was

The night started off in a festive manner with the Optilympics. Members attending were divided into 5 teams. Following five grueling events, team Green was determined to be the winner of the first ever Optilympics.



Entertainment for the evening was provided

by Matt and Dave, otherwise known as Parker and Seville.



Greg Way presented a number of awards to members for their contributions to Club activities over the year. Hoedown awards were first with Paul English selling the most event tickets. Gift certificates were handed out to the individual who sold the most raffle tickets. Diane Buchanan sold 7 books, Terry Sherin sold 8 and Alex Ansell was the top seller with 9 books.

Greg started the Club awards with the presentation of plaques to Bill Otton, Rob Gaby and Rob Whiting who have been bingo captains from when bingo started 13 years ago. The next award was a new one,



Rookie of the year and was presented to the husband and wife team, Peter and Tricia Bifulchi. The President's Citation Award was presented to Terry Sherin for his untiring efforts associated with the mobile kitchen. Bill Otton was presented a Life Membership in Optimist International and Alex Ansell was honoured as the Optimist of the Year. Carol



Bartlett then presented Greg Way with the efforts.

Lauralee Reily then installed the officers for 2008-09.



A great time was had by all who attended.



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.



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

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Date: Saturday November 22, 2008

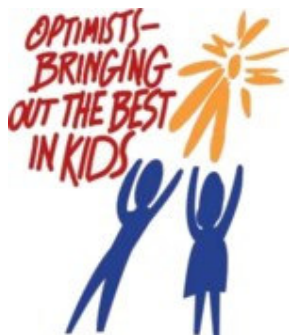
Right Here, Right Now

October 2008

			1 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Library	2	3	4
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12	13 Thanksgiving 	14	15 Dinner Mtg. - 7:30 p.m.	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Board Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Library	30	31 Halloween 	

November 2008

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2 Zone Meeting Location TBA	3	4	5 Business Mtg. - 7:30 p.m. Library	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Dinner Mtg. - 7:30 p.m.	20	21 1/4 Board Mtg Burlington	22 ¼ Board Mtg Santa Claus Parade 6:00 pm
23	24	25	26 Board Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. Library	27	28 Book Sort	29 Book Sale
30 Book Sale						



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

