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# Opti Prime



## Optimist Club of Aurora

June 2009



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### **Kids Science Exam Answers**

**Q: How can you delay  
milk turning sour?  
(brilliant, love this!)**

**A: Keep it in the cow.**

**Q: What happens to a boy  
when he reaches  
puberty?**

**A: He says good-bye to his  
boyhood and looks  
forward to his adultery**



### **Carol's Corner** (The President's Message)

June is here, the birds are singing, the sun is shining and all is right with the world. Well at least my world and I hope yours too.

Last month we had a few things on the go, we recognized Officer Terry White for his many contributions working as the liaison between York Region Police Services and the community of Aurora. Thanks to Steve Hinder for organizing this event at

St. Andrews. About a week later we partnered up with the Town of Aurora and the York Region Police for Graffiti Day. This is a day where over 200 volunteers get together and paint over the many spots around Town that have been spoiled by different types of graffiti. Thanks Terry Sherin and Ken Banks for taking the lead on this one. We capped the month with the Junior Golf Tournament at St. Andrews. Greg Way organized a great tournament with 33 Junior Golfers in attendance. It was a cool and windy day but these avid players didn't let a little weather get in the way. Thanks to all the people who attended and/or volunteered at these events. Without volunteers like you, we just wouldn't be the best club in the District.

At the May quarter-board meeting in Kingston we had the chance to hear 11 participants in the Oratorical Competition. The topic was Optimism to me is.... The ages ranged from 7 to 17 and the perspectives varied. It was interesting to hear what these young people found to be the meaning of optimism and inspiration. Each speech was a winner to me.

On Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Newmarket Optimist Club will be holding their Annual Golf Tournament. Quite a few of our member plan to attend. That night the Town of Aurora will be handing out their Community Recognition Awards at the Town offices. We have a few members receiving awards this year, plus I personally will be picking up an award for the Club, **Outstanding Non-Profit Organization Achievement Award.**

Please congratulate the following people who will receive Volunteer Service Awards for their continuous years of service to the Community of Aurora:

**5 years** - Paul English, Rob Parypa, Jayne Klees, **15 years** - Greg Way, **20 years** - Rob Gaby

A special congratulation to Alex Ansell for winning the **Bob Harmon Memorial Award** - this award is by nomination only and awarded by the Town of Aurora Selection Committee. The information supplied by the town is as follows:

**Bob Harmon** was a lifelong resident of Aurora who died at the early age of 42 in April of 1977. Mr. Harmon had given unselfishly of his time for more then 20 years. He was active all of his life in baseball and hockey, both as a player and a coach. He served on the Recreation Committee and other recreation related Committees. Mr. Harmon was indeed a Volunteer's Volunteer.

The criteria to win this award, Nominee:

Must have made a distinct contribution to the field of Recreation in the Town of Aurora

Should have made a significant volunteer contribution to the Town of Aurora

Should have demonstrated leadership and direction to the Community

Must have at least 15 years of continuous volunteerism, ending no more than 3 years ago.

I think the Town made a very wise choice.

This weekend we start with the Spring into Safety Campaign at Hickson Park on Friday, followed by the Aurora Street Festival on Sunday. We are still in need of volunteers to BBQ and serve on Sunday. Please contact me ASAP if you are available to help.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> we are partnering with Neighbourhood Network to host a BBQ for new neighbours in Aurora at Hickson Park which is adjacent to the school. June 30<sup>th</sup> we are at Town Park with the Mobile Kitchen for the Dance in the Park. Next day, we serve "free" pancakes to the town and again BBQ for the July 1<sup>st</sup> festivities.

Don't forget the annual BBQ at Bartletts – June 17<sup>th</sup> – 6pm. Hope to see you all there.

## Carol

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### Committee Chairs

Spring into Safety – Rob Parypa

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

Junior Golf – Greg Way

Membership – Brian Walsh

Members Xmas Party – John Housser

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

Kroepin

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



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District Conference

### Ambassador, Hotel, Kingston May 22,23

This was a great meeting with not only learning sessions but also the oratorical finals. International President Don Sievers and Anita attended the sessions and provided an insight as to what is happening in Optimist International and what might happen in the future.

Carol Bartlett, Alex Ansell, and Brian Marshall attended and represented the OC Aurora. Alex Ansell was presented with a District golf shirt from Governor Paul Thomson for bringing in 2 members during the 2008-2009 year.

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## REMINDERS

- June 3 – Newmarket Golf
- June 3 - Aurora Awards Night
- June 5 – Spring into Safety
- June 7 – Street Sale
- June 14 – Neighbourhood Network
- June 17 – Club BBQ
- June 24 – Board Meeting
- June 30 - Dance in the Park
- July 1 – Canada Day
- July 4 – Bereaved Families
- July 18 – Kerry's Place
- July 29 – Board Meeting
- August 26 – Board Meeting
- September 2 – Business Meeting
- September 26 - Inaugural

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**How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?**



On Wednesday, May 20th the Optimist Club of Aurora was once again pleased to recognize a police officer who has made a significant contribution to community safety in Aurora at our Annual Respect for Law Dinner. This year's recipient was Constable Terry White from the 1 District CORE Unit. Terry has taken ownership of his role as a community liaison officer for the Town of Aurora.

You will see him at many Town events, always keen and eager to support any and all activities in our Town. Constable White talked about the need for the police to work closely with the residents, reminding us of one of the founding principles in policing "the community are the police and the police are the community". Clearly, Terry lives this principle and is an excellent and deserving recipient of our Award.





On a cold and very windy Sunday, May 31, 33 young golfers participated in our 2nd annual Aurora Optimist Junior Golf Tournament. It was a very difficult day for golfing but none of them complained and they gave it their all.

A special thanks to the following club members who came out (and also were old) and made it a great day for the kids: Alex Ansell, Carol Bartlett, Peter Bifulchi, Diane Buchanan, Stu Bundy, Tony Caceres, Tom Connor, Paul English, Tad Gacich, Brian Marshall, Terry Sherin, and John Thompson.

The winners were: Boys 10-11 – Shawn MacLellan; Boys 12-13 – Alex Vegh; Boys 14-15 – Jamie Cherute; Girls 16-18 – Alina Rogers; Boys 16-18 – Tyler Quinn.



A total of 8 golfers qualified and were invited to the Central Ontario District Optimist Junior Golf Tournament to be held June 22 in Caledon. These included Alex Vegh – 12, Matt Wagg – 13, Jamie Cheruti – 15, Brad Manning – 15, Alina Rogers – 16, Tyler Quinn – 16 Patrick McRae – 17 and Andrew Pacione – 16.



## Summer Fest 2009

The annual Summer Fest will take place on Saturday August 8 and Sunday August 9 at the Stubbs Farm.

Events will include a barn party, music and a bonfire of Saturday and a pot-luck feast, trails and a day at the beach on Sunday.

Please bring your own tent or trailer, food for you and your family and one item for the pot-luck feast, bikes, beach gear, lawn chairs and whatever.

Let me know at 905-841-2722 if you can make it.

**Don Stubbs**



## Saturday May 2, 2009

It was fabulous. We had lower numbers than in previous years but everyone who turned out for the end of the night party at the Marshall's had a wonderful time and seemed very happy with the night. Hopefully the people who wanted to be with us, but couldn't, will be back to join us next year.

## Graffiti Cleanup

### Friday May 29, 2009

It was a great day. Many sites were cleaned up and our mobile kitchen assisted with the usual flair of culinary delights will be back to join us next year.

### Law of Probability

**The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.**



### 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**

## June 2009

	1	2	3 Aurora Awards Newmarket Golf 11:30 a.m. Shawneeki GC	4	5 Hickson School & Bike Rodeo	6
7 Street Sale 10:30 – 5:00	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Neighbourhood Network Hickson School	15	16	17 BBQ & Business - 7:00 p.m. Carol's Bistro	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Library	25	26	27
28	29	30 Mobile Kitchen Town Park				

## July 2009

			1 Canada Day Mobile Kitchen Leisure Complex	2	3	4 Bereaved Families 9:00 Fairy Lake
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Kerry's Autism 9:00 am Town Park
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Library	30	31	



For lots of interesting information about Optimist International and its programs visit the official web site at "[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)", the Central Ontario District at "[www.cenon.org](http://www.cenon.org)" or our own at "[www.auroraoptimist.com](http://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](mailto:ansellas@interlog.com)

