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# Opti Prime



## Optimist Club of Aurora

November 2009

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### **Interesting Statistics**

*Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.*

*Istanbul is the only city in the world located on two continents.*

*Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning "Big Village."*



### ***Ken's Komments & Kudos***

(The President's Message)

I would first like to thank every one who responded to the call for help on November's business meeting where you RSVP or attended, something started that night, I don't know exactly what, but it feels good. The executive will continue to be in touch with the personal calls for business meetings and special events, the e-mails will still part of our communication plan.

We have a director in the position of Fundraising Chair

so I need every-one to support Tom Mrakas in his new undertakings, THANK-YOU with KUDOS, Tom you do have my thanks and support.

Bill, Anna and Terry have a good hold on the Santa float and parade. Let's Optimistically hope for good weather to show off their efforts and talents. **Tom Litwiller**

Please get in touch with Bill, he needs some help on the build for Nov 21-22.

Phone 905-727-1463

**Bill Otton**

The zone Breakfast Nov 15 was hosted by us at Jonathon's. As usual, Keswick had an excellent showing. Richmond Hill and Newmarket had representatives as well.

**Ken**

### **"Think Fundraising"**



### **SANTA CLAUS PARADE**

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

**Date: Saturday November 22, 2008**

Marshals are to meet at 3:00 pm at the north entrance to St. Andrews Village on Orchard Heights Blvd. The Parade starts at 6 p.m.

Please call Terry Sherin @ 905-727-3154 or E-mail [tsherin@tebnet.com](mailto:tsherin@tebnet.com)

**Don't' Forget the Book Sale  
November 28, 29 and the sort Nov 27**

## Committee Chairs

Spring into Safety – Rob Parypa  
Book Sale – Nora MacDonald  
- Ken McIsaac  
Bowling for Big Brothers  
- Carol Bartlett  
Bulletin – Alex Ansell  
Chess – Don Stubbs  
- Mike Varcoe  
COLS – John Thompson  
Communications – Carol Bartlett  
Dinner Meetings – Carol Bartlett  
Hartwell Run – Paul English  
Home Show – Alex Ansell  
Junior Golf – Greg Way  
Membership –  
Members Xmas Party –  
Mobile Kitchen – Terry Sherin  
Opti Rec Hockey – Brian Walsh  
Optimist International Foundation  
- Alex Ansell  
Presidents' Nite – Ken Banks  
- Glen Sharp  
Progressive Dinner – Carol Bartlett  
Publicity – Diane Buchanan  
Respect for Law – Steve Hinder  
Santa Claus Parade Marshalling  
- Terry Sherin  
Santa Claus Parade Float – Anna  
Kroeplin  
Showcase Tournament – Alex Ansell  
Web Site – Brian Walsh  
Director – Marketing/Publicity  
-  
Director – Youth Activities  
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Director – Community Service  
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Director – Membership  
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Director – Fundraising  
- Tom Mrakas  
Director - Fellowship  
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Have you brought in a new member yet?



## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter District Conference

Holiday Inn  
Barrie  
November 20, 21

The Holiday Inn in Barrie has been selected as the location for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter District Board Meeting of the 2009-10 administrative year.

A good program is planned. Registration is \$15 and the luncheon is \$30. Vice President Mark Katz will be present representing Optimist International.

Learning sessions will include Internet Safety, Parliamentary Procedures, Optimist International Foundation of Canada, Personal Growth and round table discussions.

## *Psssstt !!!*

I will be arriving on November 28 and will also drop in to visit you at St. Andrews on December 16 at your Christmas Party. I do hope that we get some snow.



I have heard that Bill Otton could use some help in building your Club's award winning float. Why not give Bill a call at **905-727-1463**.

## **REMINDERS**

- November 4 – Business Meeting
- November 15 – Zone Meeting
- November 18 – Dinner Meeting
- November 20,21 – District Quarter Board
- November 25 – Board Meeting
- November 27 – Book Sort
- November 28 – Santa Claus Parade
- November 28, 29 – Book Sale
- December 2 – Business Meeting
- December 16 – Christmas Dinner
- December 27 – 30 - Showcase



## Mark Your Calendar December 27-30

### Aurora Community Centre

Optimist Tri-Star Skills Competitions will take place on Sunday December 27 starting at 7:00 am and continuing until 9:30 pm

The awards from the Tri-Star skills competition will be presented after the 4 on 4 Mini Tournament on Tuesday December 29.

We will be calling you about both dates

Championship games will be held on Wednesday December 30

## Fundraisers Suggested

Christmas Turkey Draw  
Turkey Shoot  
Co-op Ventures with Other Clubs  
Snowmobile Draw  
Hockey Player Game  
Project with Retail Business  
Trip of the Month  
Springfest  
Hole in One Contest  
63 Impala Draw  
Christmas Trees  
Christmas Cakes  
Beat up an Old Wreck  
TV Auction  
Decorate House and Sell  
Paint House Numbers on Curb  
Chilifest  
Guinness Book of Records Event  
Clowns

*Excerpted from the Business Meeting Minutes – October 5, 1988*

# 23rd Annual Aurora Optimist Book Sale



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

**The ENORMOUS,  
GIANTANTIC BOOK SALE**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28 -  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29 -  
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 give **Barb Steele** at **905-954-0329** or **Glen Sharp** at **905-727-8864** a call if you can cover one of the scheduled shifts.

**Volunteers are required for  
Friday NOVEMBER 27 starting  
at 1:00 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**

## **Help**

**Does anyone know where all of  
the prints are that have been  
presented to the Club as a  
result of the yearly donations to  
the Optimist International  
Foundation of Canada?**

**Please contact Alex Ansell,  
Club Foundation Rep, if you  
know of their whereabouts.**

## **Tenet I**

(from our Optimist Creed)

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

### **Questions for empowerment**

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

*Excepted from "Power of the Creed" –  
Optimism as a Way of Life by James M.  
Rankin*



## **Internet Safety**

The Internet Safety program was established in December 2008 with the focus of providing Clubs with resources to educate both young people and their parents about potential dangers on the internet and offering information about safe practices while online.

Statistics show that 99% of all teens have access to the internet and 94% of students admitted to being cyber bullied and did not tell an adult. The importance of protecting the children in our community is a major undertaking in which the Optimists Club of Aurora can play a vital role.

An adult program is available with information and suggestions on how to keep children safe while navigating the net and what adults can do to protect young people using the internet. Information is also available and is designed for children in grades 1-4 and teaches about the dangers of Internet Safety through an animated story.



### **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**

## November 2009

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

## December 2009

		1	2 Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Legion	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Christmas Dinner - 7:15 p.m. St. Andrews	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Showcase Skills Competition 7:30 am – 9:30 pm	28 Showcase	29 Showcase 4 on 4 and Skills Presentations	30 Showcase Championship Games	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)

