



The Opti Prime

Optimist Club of Aurora

October 2009



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One Liners

*I live in my own little world
but it's OK, everyone knows
me here.*

*The most precious thing we
have is life, yet it has
absolutely no trade-in value.*

*Snowmen fall from Heaven
unassembled.*

*No one ever says, "It's only a
game!" when their team
is winning.*



Ken's Komments & Kudos

(The President's Message)

THINK FUNDRAISING

High Again and welcome to our 25th year of optimism in Aurora. I would like to start with a few thank-yous, for the first of Ken's Komments and Kudos. Our first congratulations must go to Carol Bartlett and her executive board for their guidance and successes over the last year. Carol please continue with your support and wisdom on this Board as Past President. THANK-

YOU

I would also like to thank the general body of the club (The Optimist Club of Aurora) for the change in policy to allow Tom Connor to do a third term as Treasurer - a very critical part of this Team. THANK-YOU.

Tom Litwiller

A Thank-you for the dual role by Peter Bifulchi as Vice President and Sgt-at-Arms. THANK-YOU.

The 2nd year of Director Barb Steele has been redirected to Brian Marshall. **Bill Otton**
THANK-YOU BOTH.

Mr. Optimist is returning as Secretary Alex Ansell, I cannot recall a year that Alex was not a major contributor to this club. THANK-YOU. Last I would like to thank the Past Presidents counsel, the entire Club Membership for the trust in me to represent you as President THANK-YOU

NEW BUDGET - THINK RUND RAISING

As you will see with the budget the funds are getting slim to carry us into the future. We Need To Find New Fundraising or we go back to the Future and **sell and sell thousands of Beef Tickets**. I need for someone to step in as a special Director role in FUND RAISING.

So do not hold back in any way when it comes to FUND RAISING this Executive of 2009-10 will look at all suggestions and SUPPORT THE BEST FUND RAISING IDEAS

Now a few kudos Carol Bartlett and supporters on a very nice Presidents Night, Diane Buchanan and supporters for a successful golf day with great gifts for out-standing play. To Greg Way and Brian Marshall in the Staples Back to School project, Maple Leaf School gave some interesting letters back.

I will be calling on all directors, committee chairs, president elect in the near future for "2009-10 year ahead on commitments"

Ken

"Think Fundraising"

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 –
Showcase Tournament – Alex Ansell
Web Site – Brian Walsh
Director – Marketing/Publicity
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Director – Youth Activities
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Director – Community Service
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Director – Membership
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Director – Fundraising
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Director - Fellowship
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Have you brought in a new member yet?



1st Quarter District Conference

**Holiday Inn
Barrie
November 20, 21**

The Holiday Inn in Barrie has been selected as the location for the 1st 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. More information is to follow.

Golf Day

On Saturday September 26, 20 brave members and guests started at 11:00 am started to tee off at the Westview Golf Course. The weather was threatening but that is all it was – threatening. The rain held off and everyone got in their round. Peter Bifolchi won the award for the longest drive and Tad Gacich for closest to the hole.

Thank you Diane for organizing the event.

REMINDERS

- **October 7 – Business Meeting**
- **October 21 – Dinner Meeting**
- **October 28 – Board Meeting**
- **November 4 – Business Meeting**
- **November 8 – Zone Meeting**
- **November 18 – Dinner Meeting**
- **November 20,21 – District Quarter Board**
- **November 25 – Board Meeting**
- **November 28 – Santa Claus Parade**
- **November 27–29 – Book Sale**
- **December 2 – Business Meeting**
- **December 16 – Christmas Meeting**
- **December 27 – 30 - Showcase**



An Interpretation of The Optimist Creed by Past International President J.C. Boone

I promised myself through my Optimist Creed

To help any person that I found in need

If only by a word or a cheery smile

To make them feel they were very worthwhile

To be so strong that what troubles I find
Will not disturb my piece of mind.

Health and happiness will be my theme

And a rich fulfillment of every dream

For mistakes I make I will atone

By making each one a stepping-stone

That will lead me on... and guide my way

To greater achievements at some future day

Too large for worry, too strong for fear

Too noble for anger should trouble appear

With an Optimist nature...and that spirit implied

I will always look on the sunny side.

I will strive for the best and do all that I can

But I'll praise the success of my fellow man

I will keep so busy at my own enterprise

I will have no time to criticize

So when I come to the end of the day

I can put my thoughts and troubles away

I will have that feeling as I take my rest

That throughout this day I have done my best

Yes, I promised myself through my Optimist Creed

To help any person I found in need

And I have kept that promise, and I must agree

That the one I have helped most has really been me.

President's Night

President's Night at St. Andrews was a great night. The rain held off, the food was great and the camaraderie was even better. Over 25 members and their companions enjoyed the evening. We were particularly pleased to have our Charter President, Ash Sangani join us for the festivities.



Prior to the meal and after the festivities, Aurora's Idol, Mischaela, entertained the group with a medley of songs.



Following the hearty meal, a number of presentations were made by outgoing President Carol.

Brian Walsh was presented with the International President's



Citation for his special services and dedication to the Optimist Club of Aurora.

Brian Marshall received the award of Optimist of the Year for his involvement and service to the Club.



Past President Bill Otton

announced that Terry Sherin would become the newest Life Member, recognizing his continuing efforts and services to the Club over the years.



Lt. Governor Brian Marshall then proceeded to install the Board of Directors for the 2009-2010 administrative year and congratulated incoming President Ken Banks and wished he and his Board continuing success.



The evening was capped off by the presentation of the Past President's Plaque and pin to outgoing President Carol Bartlett

Congratulations on a successful year.



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

!!!! URGENT !!!!

Put on your thinking caps!

We need ideas for a continuing fundraiser

We need a big fundraiser

Come prepared to discuss at the November 4
Business Meeting

October 2009

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4	5	6	7 Business Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Legion	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Dinner Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Location TBA	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Library	29	30	31

November 2009

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8 Zone Meeting Location & Time - TBA	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Dinner Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Location TBA	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					



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.org" 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

