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Optimist Club of Aurora

September 2009



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Children's Perception

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"



Carol's Corner (The President's Message)

It's that time.....the end of another Optimist year. I am extremely proud of all the accomplishments we've achieved over this past year. There is no way we could have done this without such a dedicated club. I hope you are all planning to attend the upcoming President's / Inaugural dinner on Saturday September 26th at St. Andrews.

We have this dinner for a few reasons:

- 1) We wrap up the end of the Optimist year and bask in our glory
- 2) We inaugurate our new President, his Executive and Board members
- 3) We get to enjoy a night of fellowship with other members.

Oh yes, and one of the other reasons is to present some awards such as the President's Citation and the Optimist of the Year. I do believe we will be announcing a Life Member as well. I'm looking forward to this night and I hope you are all able to make it. If you haven't confirmed with me yet, please do so ASAP.

Before we celebrate the year end, our own Diane Buchanan has been working hard to arrange a golf day for our club. The event is the same day as our Presidents Dinner but at a different course. Diane has worked a sweet deal at Westview Golf Course. I do believe there is still some room for that date so please give her a call at 905-727-9817.

On a serious note, as a club we need to start putting on our thinking caps and bringing forward new ideas for fund-raising. We are in a good financial position right now but we need to be in a greater financial position going forward in order to sustain our mandate to the Youth of Aurora. Our next business meeting is on Wednesday October 7th and I'm sure Ken would welcome any ideas for discussion.

Again, I thank you all for such a great year! I had a lot of fun and made some really good friends along the way, inside and outside the club.

Carol



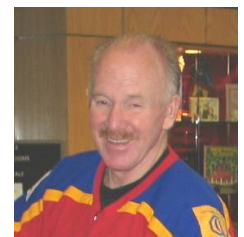
President's Night

Saturday September 26

St. Andrews Golf Club

Cocktails 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:30 pm



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 Houser
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
Kroeplin
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



Have you brought in a new member yet?



4th Quarter District Conference & Convention

Best Western Suites Orangeville August 14, 15

The Best Western Suites hosted the 2009 annual conference, convention and Wild West Family Hoedown.

At the general assembly, Jim Lyng of the Optimist Club of Scarborough was elected as the Governor Elect for the 2009-2010 administrative year. The Optimist Club of Erin hosted a great BBQ with plenty of desserts. The day was topped off with a dinner, installation of the new officers by Vice President Dan Keiffer III and the Wild West Family Hoedown where many individuals learned how to line dance.

President's Night

We are pleased to announce that this year's President's Night will be held at St. Andrews Golf Course in Aurora on Saturday September 26th.

Ken Banks and I would love for you and your spouse/significant other to join us for this celebration. We will close off my year and then Ken and the new Board members will be inducted for 2009/2010.

Our own Brian Marshall who is the Lt. Governor for the zone will be on hand to perform the induction. Dress for the evening is informal or as what we now refer to as "business casual".

We are planning cocktails for 6:30 with dinner to follow at 7:30. As usual the cost will be \$20.00 per person.

Please RSVP back to me either via email or call 905-841-3378 ASAP so that we can pass the numbers to St. Andrews. Thanks so much.

Carol

Safehaven

The mobile kitchen was once again in action, this time at the jazz festival with Safehaven being the recipient of profits from the BBQ.



The profits from the operation of the mobile kitchen were given to Safehaven to assist in their activities

Tenet IX

(from our Optimist Creed)

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others

Questions for empowerment

1. How much time do you spend on the improvement of yourself?
2. What new things have you learned this month?
3. Have you formulated your personal affirmations?
4. Have you committed the Creed to memory?
5. Are you enjoying your journey to your goals?

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

Life in the 1500's

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

Canada Day

The annual Canada Day festivities went off without a hitch. Cooking was non-stop from the pancakes to the burgers. The lineups were huge which offered a challenge to those at the grill.



The pancakes were cooked at another location from the mobile kitchen. Of course, expert supervision was always present.



Everyone had a great time and in addition we made some money for the Club.

Golf Anyone?

Saturday September 26, at 11:00 am, Club members and guests will start to tee off at the Westview Golf Course. Twenty participants have signed up already and there is still room for 20 more. There will be plenty of time after the round to go home, have a nap, shower, get dressed and come to the President's Night. Please contact **Diane Buchanan at 905-727-9817** if you are interested in having a great time on the course. The weatherman has promised sun.

Minor Ball Last Day

On August 29, the Club again provided free hot dogs and pop to the players and umpires of Aurora Minor Ball.



Although the day was cloudy, the rain held off. The only problems experienced were with the hoards of wasps that invaded the kitchen site. The kids certainly enjoyed the hot dogs and pop.



Kerry's Place

Another wonderful day and another wonderful event. This time the mobile Kitchen was used on July 17 to support the operation of Kerry's Place Autism. The cooks worked hard to meet the continuous demand for the hot dogs and hamburgers.



Much need funds were raised to help meet the needs of those caring for individuals with autism. And again the rain stayed away.



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.



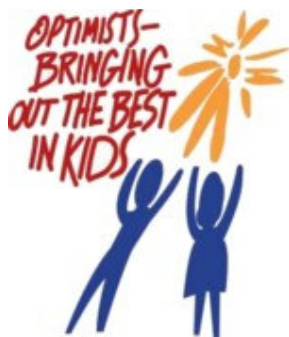
Right Here, Right Now

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13	14	15	16	17 Neighbourhood Network Appreciation Nite	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Club Golf President's Night -6:30 p.m. St. Andrews
27	28	29	30 Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Library			

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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



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

