



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF AUSABLE PORT FRANKS
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 SERVING OUR YOUTH AND OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1983

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- JOOI Club: Barb Willisie
- New Club Bldg: Ron Huxley
- Program Fellowship: Sherry Brownlee

JANUARY EVENTS

- 1ST - HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 6TH - Monthly Dinner Meeting
- 17th - Grog's Meat Raffle
- 18th - Breakfast Meeting
- 20th - Board Meeting
- 30th - Much Music Dance

DROP IN CENTRE is open
 WED. 4-8 pm - up to 12 years
 THURS. 4-8 pm - 13-18 years

JOOI CLUB - 3RD Thurs. of month - 7 pm

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 3rd - Monthly Dinner Meeting
- 14th - HAPPY VALENTINES DAY
- 21ST - Grog's Meat Raffle
- 22nd - Breakfast Meeting

Check the SWONT web site
<http://www.swontoptimist.org>
 for more area Optimist news and information.

OPTIMIST CANADA

Web site
<http://optimistcanada.org>

HOBY

By Janet Waite, District HOBY liaison.

HOBY was started by the actor Hugh O'Brian in 1958 after visiting Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Africa. His objective was to seek out and develop leadership potential in grade 10 students.

Every Secondary School from Windsor to Kitchener and north to Arthur are invited to send one grade 10 student/ambassador to our Seminar, which is currently held at Ridgetown College, University of Guelph, the first weekend of May each year. There are approximately 150 schools to draw from and our average is 130 ambassadors each year. We have motivational speakers and panels on Education, Volunteerism, Canada's incentive System, Media and Communications. The purpose of the HOBY Seminar is to teach the ambassadors, "how to think - not what to think".

It is funded by MIDWESTERN and SOUTHWESTERN Ontario Optimist Clubs.

Every Optimist Club has the chance to send an Optimist to the seminar as a Group Leader. Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club has sent a number of Group Leaders over the years and we have had some of them stay on the committee.

The ambassadors leave the seminar with many new friends that they keep for their lifetime and are very enthusiastic about life and what they can do to improve themselves and this world.

If you have any questions, or want to know more about HOBY, please give me a call. Janet Waite at 243-2003.

PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW

With Janet Waite

Janet why did you join the Optimists?

"I wanted to become involved with the youth and community."

What is your favourite part of the Creed?

"My favourite part is, "To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet."

Janet, why that particular one?

"It makes me feel good, that's what we should be feeling, and it's an upper and makes us look on the positive side."

Can you tell me what your favourite event was?

"Oh Yes," She said with a lot of feeling.

I could feel her smile through the phone.

"In the early 90's we had an Optimist fun night, there was a séance, a fortune teller and a lot of smiles and happy faces. Mickey was dressed up as a fortune teller and told everyone's fortune. It was a social fun night and I really liked it."

What positions have you held in the Optimists?

Janet paused for a moment and then said, "President, Board Member, Past President, Lt. Governor, Chairs of a variety of committees and my current position on the District board as the HOBY liaison."

Now HOBY is the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation and the Optimists are heavily involved with it. Why did you join HOBY?

"I joined HOBY because it was a fun thing involving the youth. We help kid's

overcome their apprehensions, and become a part of a group.

It creates warm feelings, but after a weekend with the kids, you go home tired, but with an amazing sense of accomplishment."

Describe what Optimist means to you.

"It is a group of people that help youth, wherever there is a need. You get out of Optimism what you put into it. It takes work and provides a lot of enjoyment. The kid's activities and their smiles are the rewards you take home with you. Without involving yourselves into the activities you are being involved with only mundane things. To help kid's have a good time gives you good feelings.

If you came into a meeting of Optimists, what would you say to the group that would describe what you get out of being an Optimist.

"Well you meet new people and develop friendships. You become part of the community by being involved. The joy of happiness on kids, at our activities is the reason being an Optimist is successful. Optimists do a lot for the community and the children in the community. The more you work for the kids the better it will be for everyone.

Janet and I discussed the history of our club. Janet talked about how the land was cleared by the club and gotten by Mr. Hexter. We talked about the building of the club, when Jim would come out and her two younger sons would carry blocks for him to put up the foundation. This was in December.

members to put up the original building. Janet talked about the satisfaction of the

Installation of the first playground, how she and Pearl came out to meet the men delivering the equipment and helped unpack it. The members that installed it over a period of time. She mentioned her own personal satisfaction at the unveiling of the Skateboard Park, the installation of the donated Tennis Courts, the baseball diamond, the cement pad that was installed, the basketball nets.

The original building planning was done by Fanshawe College. The original design (model) is at the stairwell as you go down the stairs. The electricity of the original building crew was in a trailer at the site while they did the building. The memories, of all this history of the club was definitely informative and the pride in Janet's voice was evident in our conversation. We started talking about how much this meant to the community and how it helped build relationships maintained over the years.

I asked Janet, what she thought an event should be. She used the Easter Egg Hunt as her example.

"The event should be about kids, having fun participating in the hunt for eggs. People come from outside the area to take part in this. The kids are having a fun time being part of this and the excitement is in the air. Kids go home and are happy because they came to an event, went home with stuff and had a great time at no cost to the family budget."

Janet said it makes her feel happy when she sees the smiles on the kid's faces, because they enjoyed the day, had fun, and walk away smiling. This is all the reward I need as an Optimist."

It was very obvious to me that Janet loves what she does with the Optimists. She feels rewarded with simple smiles from the kid's and their enjoyment gives her a satisfaction that makes her continue to give to the Optimists, year after year. Thank you Janet for all your information, your giving to the community, your volunteering, and for letting me talk to you about this.
Submitted by Lorie Scott, President.

BOARD WISH LIST:

Laminator,
Stapler,
Paper cutter
Garbage pail
Gifts for Meat Draws - between \$10 and \$15 value.
Egg cartons - empty extra large size (for Meat Draws)
FOR YOUTH CENTRE:
Baseball gloves,
Board games.

ANY ONE WITH "SMART SERVE" CERTIFICATES OR "CPR" - FIRST AID CERTIFICATES - PLEASE BRING THEM IN AND LET US COPY THEM.

PLEASE COME OUT TO OUR EVENTS AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB.

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 on to 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROZEN FOOD SCAM HITTING ELDERLY CITIZENS IN OUR AREA

Sheila Hayes-Pugh advised us at our December Dinner Meeting about a problem with Frozen Food Salespersons pressuring elderly citizens to charge large purchases on credit cards.
For further info please call Sheila - 519-243-3218

Just a word from the editor: I apologize for the lateness of this Newsletter, due to illness.

If you have a note, or something you would like to see in the Newsletter please call or email me - 519-243-2415 or Eva_Rutledge@hotmail.com