



OPTIMIST CLUB OF AUSABLE PORT FRANKS

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NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2011

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Presidents Message:

Hello Fellow Optimists:

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has made this year a success. We have accomplished a lot and brought some joy to children.

This year we have used the funds we raised on a couple of special items. Recently at the last meat raffle we handed over an additional cheque for \$1000.00 to Optimist Ron Huxley, as the chair of The Bravery Beads. We had earlier in the year given him our budgeted amount of \$500.00. We also have given an additional sum of money to HOBY this year to start preparations for the upcoming year they celebrate their 25th anniversary. Our Nevada Tickets have been doing so well that we contributed \$1000.00 to HOBY in addition to the original \$600.00. We gave money to both the Taxandria Soccer Club and The Dragonboat team from

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North Lambton High School. Each year it is nice to be able to see the good things that happen in our community with our children.

Last month's meat raffle raised \$150.00 plus dollars and we had a good number of our own Optimist Members supporting us.

Next coming up in July will be our annual Fishing Derby. Look forward to hearing more information on this.

The summer months are slower months for our group but we are always looking to help and grow our club. The membership has taken a hit this year and we sure could use some new members. Keep your eyes open for people that like to participate and are able to be part of our group.

Each optimist supports 30 children. Keep smiling, enjoy your summer and remember that all things in life are yours to enjoy. Make each and every day count.

I would also like to take a moment and mention the passing of Bob Rutledge a former member of our club. Bob was involved in a lot of different ways, helping with events, being a board member and treasurer and supporting our cause. If you find you have some time give Eva a call and go for a visit.

Well fellow Optimists, I only have so much room in the newsletter, so be happy, be healthy and be yourself.

Yours In Optimism
Lorie Scott
President, Optimist Club of Ausable Port Franks

Upcoming Events – Help wanted:

Meat Raffle – June 18, 2011

Grogs Restaurant from 2 pm to 4pm

A strip of tickets for 16 draws is \$10.00. Prizes include meat, eggs, lottery tickets and various gift prizes. We also hold a 50/50 draw at a cost of 3 tickets for \$5.00.

Volunteers needed – contact Sherrie Brownlee – 519-243-3381 – brownlee1@execulink.com

Grand Bend Motorplex Optimist Weekend

We have purchased a \$500 package of 75 tickets. We get a refund on any unsold tickets that are turned in by the deadline. We need Optimist Members to take some tickets to sell! The weekend is June 25-26. Regular admission is \$15 per day but our tickets are only \$10 and one ticket covers admission for both days. Please contact Derek Scott – 519-243-3005.

QUILT RAFFLE

Earlier in the Optimist year, the Huxley family received a donation of a beautiful hand made quilt with 3 matching pillows. It was decided that they would turn this donation into an opportunity to raise funds for the Bravery Bead program. Since then we have purchased a lottery license and printed off raffle tickets. We are hoping that each member in the club can take and sell at least 1 book of tickets. There are 10 tickets in a book and the tickets are \$5 each. The draw will take place on August 13 during the SWONT Convention in Port Edward. Please

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contact Debbie Huxley for your tickets (519-243-3022 or dhux@execulink.com). This is a wonderful way for our club to help contribute to the Bravery Beads for children undergoing treatment at London's Children's Hospital. Each year clubs in our district need to raise \$26,200 to keep this program afloat.

Manor Birthday Party: Gladys is looking for anyone who would be available for an afternoon during the week some time possibly in July. She needs people who possibly can play a musical instrument, sing or can just shake a tail feather with the residents. Please contact Gladys if you have something to offer during this celebration – gshaw@execulink.com

New Members:

Contact Lorie Scott – 519-243-3005 – loriescott@execulink.com

Newsletter:

Contact Linda Attard – llattard@gmail.com – deadline for submissions is the 22nd of the month

If you are getting this newsletter by regular mail but have an email account that you check daily, please contact Tracy with your email address – tchux@execulink.com

Upcoming Meetings:

June Dinner Meeting – June 7, 2011 – numbers have already been submitted for our annual Family BBQ. We will also be blessed with a presentation on the Conductive Education program to which we gave a donation to earlier this year.

Items of Interest from the Board Meeting:

Welcome to the Area Project: Information will be delivered to our area realtors including a magnet they can pin on their filing cabinets with the Optimist email address. The realtors will then contact this email when they need more welcome packets. If you know of any local business that would like to advertise in the Newsletter please contact Linda Attard – llattard@gmail.com. The only cost to them is to provide a gift or redeemable coupon.

Board nominations: Elections were held at the May dinner meeting. The directors for 2011-2012 will be Mark Pedlar (2 yr), Marina Kraft (2 yr), Rebecca Everaert (2 yr), Jack Tomlinson (1 yr), Aaron Pedlar (1 yr) and Robin Scobie (1 yr). The Vice Presidents will be Sam Bell and Sherry Brownlee. **We are still looking for a President!!** We need someone to step forward to cover this position or we need someone to bring forth some new nominations. **Please contact President Lorie Scott if you are interested in this position.**

Taxandria Falcons Soccer Club: We donated \$200.00 to this club once again.

Super Stokers: NLSS dragon boat team is competing again this year. Last year they showed some great appreciation for our support with a presentation to us in thanks. We are again donating \$600.00 to this group.

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