



OPTIMIST CLUB OF AUSABLE PORT FRANKS

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NEWSLETTER – March 2011

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Presidents Message:

Hello Fellow Optimists:

I just wanted to tell you that the last breakfast we had was an amazing success. Debbie, Derek, Ron and Lorie cooked up breakfast and we had 19 people attend, 17 members and 2 guests. It was an amazing time, the fine session was fun and we enjoyed a great breakfast in wonderful company. Please don't miss the social aspect of Breakfasts and the yummy food. Our meat raffle on Saturday made \$452.00 profit!!!!!! Way to go Sherry Brownlee, our chair and volunteers. Teamwork made it a successful endeavour.

Upcoming on March 1st is our Dinner Meeting. We would love everyone to bring a guest or 2 to help spread the fun of being an Optimist. It encourages people to reach out and have a social evening and meet new people. A prize will be there for the person who brings the most guests. Guests eat free.

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As we move forward into the new year and SPRING (yes it is around the corner), we will be coming into a few new events for the year. Italian night is April 9, 2011. Reserve your tickets by calling me at 519-243-3005. A 7 course dinner is something not to miss in an atmosphere of good cheer, good people and an ambience of Italian flavour.

Kudoos go out to Linda for again getting a newsletter together and put out. Optimists are always needed to volunteer at upcoming events.

We also need you to save your cardboard egg cartons as we use them at the Meat Raffles for our eggs. Thanks so much for being Optimists.

Yours In Optimism

Lorie Scott

President, Optimist Club of Ausable Port Franks

Upcoming Events – Help wanted:

Meat Raffle – March 19, 2011 at 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

Zone 8 Spelling Bee – March 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. hosted by our Club

Children from grades 5 through 8 who won their club level competition will come to compete against the other winners in our Zone. We can have anywhere from 3 to 7 competitors in each grade depending on how many clubs put on a Club Level spelling bee from our Zone. The winners will move forward into the District Spelling Bee in April in Windsor.

Volunteers needed to help to set up and clean up – contact Tracy Huxley – tchux@execulink.com

Italian Night – April 9, 2011

Volunteers and prize donations needed – contact Ron Huxley – hux@execulink.com

Easter Egg Hunt - April 23, 2011

Need volunteers to help throughout the morning with hiding eggs, cooking weiners, handing out candy and keeping the hall clean... he might be looking for a bunny too!

Contact Aaron Pedlar – 243-2724 – aaron.pedlar@sunlife.com

New Members:

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

Newsletter articles:

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

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Upcoming Meetings:

March Dinner Meeting – March 1, 2011 – We challenge all members to come to the March meeting with a new guest who isn't a member. The guests will be free. This will be like a membership drive.

March Breakfast Meeting – Sunday, March 20, 2011 – Mark this date on your calendar. The breakfast starts at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs Optimist Hall at the Community Centre and is only \$5.00.

3rd Zone Meeting – April 3, 2011 - This is a breakfast meeting and is hosted by the Optimist Club of Forest, Kimball Hall, (Old Forest Arena 6276 Townsend Line, Forest). A social will start at 9:30 a.m. followed by breakfast at 10:00 a.m. Those wishing to attend need to let Lorie know their intent so that proper attendance numbers can be reported back to the Lt Governor (or acting Lt Governor).

Information of Interest from the Board Meeting:

Welcome Wagon – We're hoping to launch a welcome wagon. It would start as a Newsletter of information for this area that would be sent to all residents of Port Franks and Northville. It would encourage anyone with a business to get involved and introduce their business by providing either a small gift or gift certificate or coupon to be used at their location. Ideas for this are very welcome by contacting Linda Attard – llattard@gmail.com.

Convention Committee Fundraiser:

Lorie has fridge magnets with Gordon's logo for \$2.00 each. Please contact Lorie to purchase any.

Celebrating Birthdays at the Manor:

The Manor is looking for sponsors that would supply entertainment and possibly provide a small birthday gift to each resident celebrating a birthday that month. The birthday celebrations fall on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Our club would have to pick a summer month in order that it doesn't conflict with the Meat Raffles. Gladys Shaw would like to put together a sing-a-long. She would play the piano but is in need of a few other musicians. If you are a musician or know someone who would like to volunteer their time this way please contact a Board Member.

Much Music Dances:

Sherry would like to revisit the idea of hosting another Much Music Dance. Sharing the dance with Forest might be an idea and hopefully it would be a profitable event this way. Tracy suggested that we wait and see if the new arena in Thedford might be a good location.

Governor Banner:

A motion was passed to purchase a Governor Banner for Gordon's year.

Club Website:

This is up and running now. See the newsletter header for the web address for our club and page footers for other Optimist web addresses. Our site had information about our club and our upcoming events. Pictures can be added to the site. If you have any that you think might be of interest for the web site, please forward them to Tracy. If they include a child then we will require a signed consent from the parents.

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