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The Furrow News Letter

For The Brigden Optimist 45021

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Jan 3rd 2009

The Brigden Optimist Board meets the first Wednesday each month at the Boardroom in the Brigden Community Hall at 7pm.

Dinner Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. at the hall unless otherwise notified.

DECEMBER Birthstone Onyx Flower Narcissus

December is that month that everything you said you were going to get done this year should be done by. Well hands up if everything is done. I don't think that I could finish if I had another two whole months.

In the Northern Hemisphere, the Winter Solstice marks the first day of the season of winter. Dec 21st also marks the shortest hours of daylight. So the good news is the length of daylight hours will be getting longer from this date as well.

I see our Brigden Community street light decorations are up and looking good. Should make the whole community feel good knowing the money for them was raised locally. Also noticed our park at the corner of Courtright Line and Brigden Rd. is glowing brightly thanks to the Brigden Horticultural society again this year.

Tony Steadman filled in for our councilor Pat Alexander with the traditional Jingle Bell Walk

and the lighting of the park.

Get out your bowling shoes. The Brigden Optimist is going bowling. That's right December's Dinner Meeting and their spouses are going to Marcin's Bowl at 609 Helena St. in Point Edward.

Dec. News and Coming Events

Youth Dance on the 14th went as usual with no problems but we still need and want some more adult supervision just to be sure that things continue to run smoothly. Call Heather. Next Youth Dance Dec 12th.

Bingo on 25th was a success thanks to the Optimist Members Calvin, Larry, and Karen who helped Again. We even paid the rent again this month. No Bingo booked for December because it will be too close to Christmas Day. Next Bingo Jan 25th 2009 Help wanted.

The Brigden Optimist received

a Christmas Greeting card wishing us all well. The Petrolia hockey team we sponsor is going to Fiddicks with these cards to wish all the residents a happy holiday season. These are 5 and 6 year olds learning from their coach. And their card says sponsored by the Brigden Optimist. We picked a winning team again. Thanks Coach. Children's Christmas Party is going to be on December the 6th.

The Optimist Club of Moore is holding their

Annual Curling Bonspiel and looking for players. Sat. Jan. 10th 2009 at Petrolia for \$27. you get a meal and two 8 end games. Let President Martha know or contact Lloyd MacDonald of the Moore Club.

Fund Raise Calendars are ready for distribution. They are \$15. ea. or two for \$25. Please call me Martha or Mike for your copy or copies and do your best to let everyone know what we are all about.

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**Youth Dance 2nd Friday
Of the Month 7.30pm.**

**Bingo on the 4th Tues
Of the Month**

Bottle Drive Jan3rd.

**Support your club and
Be Part of the Solution**

A Funny Thing Happened on the way To the Board Meeting

I was coming into the hall to the Board meeting last month when I was approached by a local of whom I haven't seen many of since changing job. But we had a nice talk about things and he asked what I was doing at the hall? I told him I was going to a Board meeting of the Optimist Club. Now I know he knows about the Brigden Optimist and the things we do because he and his family have been to different events around town and because I have told him and sold him one of everything we have been involved in. Anyways he said yea you guys did that street dance thing. You know next year you should do a couple during the summer too. I said you should join our team and help because we need your ideas. How do I join he said? But it also made me think here is a person I have known for ten years or so and I never asked to become an Optimist Member. I thought they were only new in town, give them time to settle. Then they were changing jobs and there kids were making them too busy running to sporting events. Now thing have changed in his life and he has some time to share. So the same thing could happen with all our acquaintances and neighbors. We should be promoting our Club and Optimism with everyone we meet. This would help to build our club Membership and maybe some new ideas and less hounding by the writer to help out at different events. Give it a try or invite some one to a dinner and let them find out for themselves if they want to get involved.

If your not part of the solution what part are you?

Second Quarter Board Meeting Feb. 20-21, 2009 Days Inn, Leamington

Third Quarter Board Meeting April 17-18, 2009Oaks Inn, Wallace burg

91st Optimist International Convention July 8-11, 2009 Kissimmee Florida

SWONT Convention Aug. 21-23, 2009 Oaks inn, Wallaceburg

Some dates to mark on your Optimist Calendar

Thanks You to Ron Streptak and his wife who came out to our Nov. Dinner Meeting with information about how Operation Christmas Tree works. This is a very worthy cause and lot of time and energy is used to make this happen. It also makes the Christmas Season special for everyone both giving and receiving.

We are now on the internet. Thanks to our LT.Gov. Bruce Cox who passed The Furrow News Letter on to Ron Streptak who is also the web guy for SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO OPTIMIST DISTRICT #45 <http://www.swontoptimist.org/>. He even got rid of those three pages at the end of our letter.

Thanks Ron

The Furrow Funnies

We are Valuable!!

We are more valuable than any
of the younger generations:
We have silver in our hair,
We have gold in our teeth.
We have stones in our kidneys.

And
We are loaded with natural gas!!!

If corn oil is made from corn,
And vegetable oil is made from vegetables,
what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons,
does morality come from morons?

Did you ever notice that when you blow
in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but
when you take him for a car ride, he
sticks his head out the window?

My yearly physical

I went to the doctor for my yearly physical. The nurse starts with
certain basics.

How much do you weigh?' she asks. '135,' I say.

The nurse puts me on the scale. It turns out my weight is 180.
The nurse asks, 'Your height?' '5 foot 6", I say.
The nurse checks and sees that I only measure 5' 2".
She then takes my blood pressure and tells me it is very high.

'Of course it's high!' I scream, 'When I came in here I was tall
and slender! Now I'm short and fat!'

She put me on Prozac.

The lady asked the pharmacist, "Do you have
Viagra?"

"Yes," he answered.

She asked, "Does it work?"

"Yes," he answered.

She said, "Can you get it over the counter?"

"I can, if I take two", he replied

S O M E T I M E S

Sometimes when you cry
No one sees your tears.

Sometimes when you are in pain.
No one sees you're hurt.

Sometimes when you are worried
No one sees your stress

Sometimes when you are happy
No one sees your smile
But FART !! Just ONE time...
And everybody knows!!

Gotcha!! You thought this was going to
be
one of those heart-touching stories!

Get Your Calculator

1. Key in the first three digits of your phone number (NOT the Area code ...)
2. Multiply by 80
3. Add 1
4. Multiply by 250
5. Add to this the last 4 digits of your phone number
6. Add to this the last 4 digits of your phone number again.
7. Subtract 250
8. Divide number by 2

Look familiar to you