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# The Furrow

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Bottle Drive Jan  
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.

## **NOVEMBER** *Birthstone - Yellow Topaz Flower - Chrysanthemum*

**November is** Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Awareness Month

One in three deaths in Canada is due to heart disease and stroke. The mortality rate from heart disease and stroke has decreased by 70% since 1952, thanks in large part to research. That is some information from their web site. They look for donations and do some fund raising but it also looks like they are making a difference.

Speaking of making a difference here is a perfect opportunity for the high school bunch. Pass it along that Heather and Tammy are looking for responsible students who need community service hours. Besides learning about our club and having a bit of fun it will also look good on their resume. Who wouldn't hire a person who has been giving back time to their community and making

a difference?

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> there was a great bunch of people to say good luck and have fun on your Fort McMurray adventure to Optimist Colin and Betty. Everyone was well behaved but it was hard to tell if the crowd was dancing and partying because they were leaving or because they are leaving. Just kidding guys you will be missed. And we know you'll be back. Best of luck.

## **Nov News and Coming Events**

Optimist Tammy reports the youth Dance came off just fine even though it was a week early because of Brigden Fair. Still need/want some more adult supervision just to be sure that things continue to run smoothly. Next Youth Dance Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our first cash Bingo on Oct28th was a success thanks to the Members Optimist-Calvin, Larry, Bob and Karen who help. We even paid the rent. Next Bingo Nov 25th

Children's Christmas Party is coming in Dec. but the date seems to be missing from my

notes. But I do know we need a few wrappers again this year so expect a call or call Heather or Tammy and ask what you can do. I volunteered You.

Zone meeting at Oil Springs thanks to our Past President Mike and his better half Sec/Tres Connie we had some representation from the Brigden Club.

Fund Raiser Calendars are ready for distribution. They are \$15.ea.or two for \$25. Please call me or Mike for your copy or

copies and do your best to let everyone know what we are all about.

Also we are looking for other fund raisers ideas. If you want to email then back to me I will make sure the Club hear about them anonymously if your afraid. Just because you have an idea it doesn't mean you have to do everything. That's why you belong to a club where we all want to help make our Club a success.

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Optimist International President Don Sievers says “this year he doesn’t just want to build New Clubs. He wants to build solid Clubs that service the community and can in turn serve children”. Those are the Clubs that will stand the test of time. The sun in his logo above is the same sun used on the 1923 optimist pin acts as a constant reminder of the organizations history.

Optimist Club of St. Thomas 60th Anniversary Celebration

Nov14th & 15<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board Meeting at the Stone Ridge Inn London.

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

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

**Youth Dance 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday  
Of the Month 7.30pm.**

**Bingo on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tues  
Of the Month**

**Bottle Drive Jan?**

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

Notice

It has been brought to the attention of the board that some members are behind in their dues. This needs to be corrected. You know who you are!

Opps I must have forget to remove this.

## The Furrow Funnies

A man and a woman were sitting beside each other in the first class section of an airplane. The woman sneezed, took out a tissue, gently wiped her nose, then visibly shuddered for ten to fifteen seconds. The man went back to his reading. A few minutes later, the woman sneezed again, took a tissue, wiped her nose, then shuddered violently once more. Assuming that the woman might have a cold, the man was still curious about the shuddering. A few more minutes passed when the woman sneezed yet again. As before she took a tissue, wiped her nose, Her body shaking even more than before.

Unable to restrain his curiosity, the man turned to the woman and said, 'I couldn't help but notice that you've sneezed three times, wiped your nose and then shuddered violently. Are you Ok?' 'I am sorry if I disturbed you, I have a very rare medical condition; whenever I sneeze I have an orgasm.'

The man, more than a bit embarrassed, was still curious. 'I have never heard of that condition before,' he said. 'Are you taking anything for it?'

The woman nodded, 'Pepper.'

**DO THE ALPHABET  
SONG AND TWINKLE,  
TWINKLE LITTLE STAR  
HAVE THE SAME TUNE?**

**WHY DOES A  
ROUND PIZZA  
COME IN A  
SQUARE  
BOX?**

**DID YOU JUST TRY SINGING THE TWO SONGS ABOVE?**

Two Crocodiles were sitting at the side of the swamp.

The smaller one turned to the bigger one and said, 'I can't understand how you can be so much bigger than me. We're the same age; we were the same size as kids. I just don't get it.'

'Well,' said the big Croc, 'what have you been eating?'

'Politicians, same as you,' replied the small Croc.

'Hmm. Well, where do you catch them?'

'Down the other side of the swamp near the parking lot by the parliament buildings.'

'Same here. Hmm. How do you catch them?'

'Well, I crawl up under one of their expensive cars and wait for one to unlock the car door. Then I jump out, grab them by the leg, shake the crap out of them and eat 'em!'

'Ah!' says the big Crocodile, 'I think I see your problem. You're not getting any real nourishment. See, by the time you finish shaking the crap out of a politician, there's nothing left but an axxhole and a briefcase.'