



OPTIMIST CLUB OF ILBERTON NEWSLETTER

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April 2010

APRIL DINNER MEETING:

April 28th

Ilderton Community Centre 6:30pm - Social 7:00pm - dinner 7:45pm - meeting and discussion	Please let Annabelle know whether you plan to attend or not. e-mail: ake1321@gmail.com phone: 519-232-9059
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If you know someone who is interested in the club and possibly becoming a member, invite them to the dinner meeting as a guest. The club will cover the cost. Just let Alberta Wood (awood@mun.ca) or Denise Everett (denise.everett@sympatico.ca) know that you will be bringing a guest.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy month! The Good Friday BBQ food booth with the Komoka-Kilworth Optimist Club was a success. After expenses, there was \$2275 in profit, and thanks to the generosity of the Komoka-Kilworth Club, we have \$1275 for the Splash Pad Fund. More on the Splash Pad will be found elsewhere in the newsletter. The Easter Egg Hunt drew nearly 300 children, no doubt because of the fine weather. The fire engine even appeared. More funds were raised for the Splash Pad, which was great! Thank you to all the people who helped on these events. They would not have been possible without you!! Coming up soon we have the highway and Junction Park cleanup on April 24th. We'll hope for good weather for that! The following week is the Yard Sale for the Cure. If you have just a few things that you wish to sell and want to include them in the Optimist Club sale, please let me know. We are glad to be back and participating in all these activities again. Remember an old saying – many hands make light work!



Correction from March newsletter.

The date of the Garden Tour is Sunday 4th July 2010.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: ok just a bit of fun !

*While sitting, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand.
Did you notice ...your foot changed direction.
can you stop it ? ... if you can we will need a demonstration at the dinner meeting !*

MARCH DINNER MEETING REPORT:

The dinner meeting was attended by 29 members, including 3 new members and 1 guest.



Our new members Bev Ponton, Eric Saari and Keri Hanlon were inducted and received their membership pins and packages. We welcome them and thank them all for their immediate contribution to our events and fundraisers. We were surprised to see our president Alberta Wood and Cliff; who literally stepped off a plane arriving back from their 3 month trip to New Zealand and came straight to dinner ! Welcome Home.

This month's meeting was mainly about getting organising and providing volunteers for a very busy month full of events and fund-raisers.

Much music dance; Easter Egg Hunt; Raffle for the Splash pad; Food Wagon at the Good Friday Auction and Zone Spelling Bee.

A letter from the Early years states that through our donation last year, they were able to hold 5 events, which included 50 families (141 people). They are able to work around our decreased donation this year, and looking forward to a local splash pad.

Splash pad

The fundraising is going well, with a push now on selling the paving stones, forms have been hand-delivered my members to most houses in Ilderton. Meetings have been had between the Municipality, the lions club and the Optimist Club to discuss finances and location. The change of location was raised by the municipality and all were in agreement as long as the extra costs dues to the utilities did not come out of money set aside for the splash pad. This will be raised at the next council meeting.

A raffle was to be held at the Easter Egg Hunt to raise money and awareness at the splash pad.

A motion was passed to purchase a paving stone from the optimist club of Ilderton for the splash pad path from the general funds. This was raised by Keith Cullion and seconded by Todd Denny, with no objections from the floor.

50/50 draw of \$40 was won by Paul Masse.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Mark your calendars!):

This month

Next month

20th April - Bingo
 21st April – Zone Meeting
 24th April – Highway Cleanup & Junction Park
 28th April – Dinner Meeting

1st May – Yard Sale for the Cure
 12th May – Exec Meeting
 26th May – Dinner Meeting

Recent Events:

Spelling Bee, since we last meet the zone and district spelling bee competitions have been held.

ZONE : Victorious in their respective grades:



Grade 5 – Jackson Christensen - Ilderton,
 Grade 6 – Mykayla Turner - Grand Bend,
 Grade 7 – Dylan King - Ilderton,
 Grade 8 – Emily McCulloch - Grand Bend.

DISTRICT: No details available at the moment, we are still waiting to get these.

	<p>Easter Egg hunt, a fantastic fine spring day bought out at least 300 children. Ilderton is certainly a growing community. Her first year as sole chair Janine did a great job, and has agreed to chair next year. Thank-you.</p>	<p>Food Wagon: Thank-you to all those volunteers who gave up part or all of their Good Friday to help. It was a long day full of hard work and lots of fun.</p>	

Upcoming events

- The **Highway clean up and Junction Park** details for the 24th April will be sent to all members who have signed up soon, if you wish to be included please let Denise Everett know.
- We will be looking for more volunteers for the **Bike Rodeo** which is being chaired by Alicia Vandewetering.
- Progress on the **Splash pad** in terms of fund-raising (93 pavers sold as of 15th April) and location is going very well. We are approaching the ordering stage and will present all the latest news, pictures and updates at the April dinner meeting.

BINGO DATES:

Bingo is our biggest fund-raiser allowing us to run many of our events, please sign up for a fun-filled evening; whilst raising money to help the kids.



<p>Tuesday April 20th Friday May 14th</p>	
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Sign up at the dinner meeting or contact Brad or Michele Polley (mpolley@execulink.com or 666-2467) to volunteer to help with the Bingo games.

REMINDER RE WWW....

Don't forget to check out the Ilderton Optimist Club on the web-site: www.ilderton.ca (under the Community heading) or directly at: www.ilderton.ca/optimists . This page, prepared by Denise Everett, is on the site set up by Rich Hunter of the King Edward Restaurant & Pub for your information and to develop and promote a sense of community in our village. If you have suggestions for additions or changes, please let us know. For some past issues of our newsletter see the Southwestern Ontario Optimists (SWONT) site at <http://www.swontoptimist.org/clubnewsletters.htm> . The Optimist International website may be found at: <http://www.optimist.org/> . Our general e-mail address is optimists@ilderton.ca. The webpage with news on the splash pad is www.ilderton.ca/splashpad

Contacts

<p>Ilderton Club Officers: President – Alberta Wood (519-666-3282) Vice President – position vacant Secretary – Denise Everett (519-666-0841) Treasurer – Todd Denny (519-666-3595) Past President – Marlene Ritchie (519-474-2828)</p>	<p>Ilderton Directors: Barb MacDougall (519-646-2196) Paul Massé (519-666-1175) Brad Polley (519-666-2467) Michele Polley (519-666-2467) Janet Smith (519-227-1618) Keith Cullion (519-666-0951)</p>
	<p>Southwestern Ontario Optimists (SWONT) Governor – Marty Quenneville Governor-Elect – Gordon Brownlee Secretary Treasurer - John Ewanick Lieutenant Governor Zone 8 - Lorie Scott Past Governor - Doug Kinchen</p>
<p>OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL President - Mark Shriver President Elect – Danny Rodgers Immediate Past President - Donald R. Sievers</p>	

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Denise Everett - Ilderton Optimist Secretary