



OPTIMIST CLUB OF ILDERTON NEWSLETTER

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February 2010

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

Ilderton Community Centre FEBRUARY 24th 6:30pm - Social 7:00pm - dinner 7:45pm - meeting and discussion	Please let Mary Dagleish know whether you plan to attend or not. e-mail: m.dagleish@sympatico.ca phone: 519-666-1318
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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

Although Alberta is away she still finds time to remember us !

The New Year is well underway. We have explored the South Island and are now near the end of a road trip on the North Island. We've seen the Art Deco city of Napier, visited several wineries, observed a colony of Gannets, walked on beaches, toured the University of Auckland and the Hamilton City Gardens, marvelled at Kauri trees, and viewed two live Kiwis, as well as numerous exotic to us birds and ducks. We'll look forward to telling about it all in more detail on our return. Best wishes on Splash Pad fund raising and recruiting new members. Have a great meeting on the 24th! - Alberta

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Mark your calendars!):

New Orleans Pizza are running their annual fundraiser from Monday 1st - Wednesday 3rd March. Patrons have a say on who they donate their money to, so get all your friends to have pizza and donate to the optimist splash pad fundraiser.

19th February - BINGO

24th February - Dinner meeting

27th February - Yuk Yuk On Tour
(see below)

10th March - Ilderton Spelling Bee

24th March - dinner meeting

28th March - Bingo

30th March - zone Spelling Bee

Yuk Yuk tour - the Optimist Club of Forest is putting on stand up Comedy; late lunch and dance on Feb 27th 2010 at 8pm at Kimball Hall. Tickets are \$25. Please contact Denise so we can arrange a group outing.

JANUARY DINNER MEETING REPORT:

Reports were given on the past events of Santa's Breakfast and the New Years Skate, some discussions were had on how things may be changed slightly next year to make the line ups at the Santa's Breakfast move more easily. Attendance on both events was good and comparable to last year. The question was raised if the Optimist club should look at putting Christmas lights on the main street.

We welcomed three guests (who have since all joined our club) Bev Ponton, Eric Saari and Catherine McCallum. They will all be inducted soon.

Paint the town Red – our contribution was to put our Canadian flags on the main street – this was organised and sorted in moments – well done guys. And YES we will need volunteers to help take them down again !

Our next event is the Spelling Bee, I can now confirm the date for this is the 10th March. Thank-you to all who have volunteered, we have enough volunteers now. Janet will be in contact with you all soon. Committees for the Internet Safety, Garden Tour and Cash Calendar are being setup. If you have been missed and wish to be on any of these please let our secretary know.

The splash pad fund raising is going well, but will need you to sell those paving stones. There was a site visit from the Trillium foundation. The firefighters have also pledged to donate some money.

April 2nd - Good Friday Auction BBQ has to be confirmed and we will need many volunteers for a fund raising event that will be very lucrative! 1500+ people attend each year. The Komoka Kilworth Optimist Club are very experienced and have generously agreed to loan us all the equipment and help us set up and run the BBQ! It was agreed profit made from the BBQ sales will go to the splash pad.

The municipality suggested our optimist club to use the display cabinet in the lobby of the community hall. If you have any Optimist information you wish to display please give it to our secretary.

50/50 draw of \$65 was won by Sharon Nelson; this month the proceeds went to support Haiti.

NEWS from the Executive Meeting



Updates from the Zone and Quarterboard meeting were given. In brief Ilderton come home with a stack of awards from both meetings, this will be shared and given out at the February dinner meeting. At the zone meeting all clubs were asked to get approval to donate \$100 for the district convention committee. This was discussed at the executive meeting, to be raised for a vote at the next dinner meeting.

Thank-you to Barbara MacDougall and Denise Everett for attending the Zone meeting. Thank-you to Brad Polley and Marlene Ritchie for attending the Quaterboard meeting.




NAME BADGES

It has been brought to our attention that some of our charter members have been with us so long that their name badges are looking very worn. So if your badge is worn, please order one at no cost to yourself. If any member has lost their badge and needs a new one, there will be a \$5 charge. Please contact the secretary to order you badge.

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>Friday February 19th Sunday March 28th Tuesday April 20th</p>		<p>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.</p>
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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>	

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere." – Frank A. Clark

Denise Everett
 Ilderton Optimist Secretary