



OPTIMIST CLUB OF ILBERTON NEWSLETTER

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OPTIMISTS BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS !



June 2011

SOCIAL DINNER: June 21st

This event is our summer social dinner, partners are welcome, due to alcohol and a pool we are having adults only. Our club will provide the BBQ meat. We ask that you bring a desert or salad. Surnames A-L bring deserts and surnames M-Z to bring salads. Drinks will also be provided, but President Alberta has asked if you are able, to bring an extra item, see her message for details.

The Polley's 31 Heritage Place Ilderton Starts 6:30pm	Please let Mary know whether you plan to attend or not, and if you are bringing a partner or guest or not. e-mail: m.dalgleish@sympatico.ca phone: 519-666-1318
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Though we are close to the summer solstice, only a few days of really hot weather have been experienced. There have been several severe thunderstorms causing power outages and blowing down trees. Several of our members (Brad, Denise, and Mary) helped at the Hit, Run and Throw Baseball event sponsored by the Ilderton Baseball Association on Saturday, June 11th. Despite a call for rain by the weather forecasters, there was none. It was VERY well attended. For the just held Wheel Safety Event on Sunday, June 12th, we had a cold start to the afternoon, but it warmed up a little and did not rain. There was a good turnout, and a full report is elsewhere in the newsletter. Special thanks to the other members who turned out to help led by Denise Everett (assisted by husband Tim), Kara and Dan Muller, Doron Torczykner, Cliff Wood, Janine and Michael Gray, Shelley and Paul Massé, and Mary Dalgleish, plus Chris Staines from the Komoka-Kilworth Optimist Club. Now, we are looking forward to the June 21st BBQ at the home of Michele and Brad Polley, 31 Heritage Place and the July 10th Golf Tournament at the Firerock Golf Club, 10345 Oxbow Dr, London (Komoka). This is a fundraiser for playground equipment for toddlers and physically less able children. In addition to your salad or dessert, bring a bottle of wine or another item to the BBQ as a donation for raffles at the golf tournament. Donations also needed for the District Convention. Slight correction on the number of members; currently we have 50. New members are always welcome. Have a good summer!

<p style="text-align: center;">SUMMER MONTHS Monday 20th June BINGO Wednesday 21st June BBQ Meeting Sunday 10th July Golf Tournament Friday 22nd July BINGO Thursday-Saturday 11-13th August District Convention Saturday 13th August BINGO Wednesday 14th September Exec Meeting Wednesday 21st September BINGO Wednesday 28th September Dinner Meeting</p>

DINNER MEETING REPORT: (May)

Thanks to Keith Cullion our VP for stepping in and running this meeting. We had the great privilege of inducting 4 of our members: Emily, Cathy, Doron and Joan – thank you to Barb for stepping in to run this section. Most of the meeting was about getting volunteers for the upcoming events: Flags; Bike Rodeo; Golf Tournament and ensuring we had volunteers over the summer for BINGO. The Cash Calendar was sent round for comments and an explanation of how it all works, since the meeting I can confirm we have been granted a lottery licence and the calendars have now been printed. They are ready for sale and will be put on sale at the upcoming golf tournament. After that we will be asking each member to try and sell 10 of them before the end of the year.



HELP STILL NEEDED

We need an extra person to help with the organization of the dinners; this involves collecting numbers of attendees, passing this information onto the caterer, helping set up the hall, getting soft drinks etc. Mary and Annabelle will be away in the fall.. let Mary know m.dalgleish@sympatico.ca – **Thanks in advance!!**

We are collecting the following, if you can help please let Denise have these articles.

Old/Broken Garden Tools – what an excuse to clean out the garden shed !

Raffle prizes

Silent Auction gift certificates and donations for our Golf tournament

UPCOMING EVENTS / DISCUSSIONS

Golf Day Fund-Raising – **LESS THAN 4 WEEKS TO GO** ... please help sell tickets, or book your place
Deadline for booking your place **June 20th**

Firerock Golf Club

Sunday July 10. 11:00 Arrival time

Tickets are \$110, to purchase your ticket on-line go to

<http://optimistgolf.somethingon.com/>

You Get:

18 holes at one of the Areas Best Courses

Power Cart with GPS

Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

Prizes and Silent Auction

Driving Range Access



Grand Bend Motorplex – Optimist District Convention fundraiser. June 25-26 tickets \$10, talk to Denise if you wish to purchase or sell tickets.

Garden Tour – we will be planning a garden tour for 2012, we need to start looking for gardens, if you see one please contact Mary (m.dalgleish@sympatico.ca), one garden assistant required to help Mary find these gardens.

UPDATES ON PAST EVENTS



The Canada Flags were put up on the 8th June including 10 new flags, thank-you to Bruce and his helpers for doing this. We have received a few comments on our "Optimist Club of Ilderton" facebook page:

Thank you! They look great:)

I was just saying to my husband that the flags look great.

Good job!

ZONE 8 MEETING REPORT

This last Zone meeting for the year was held on June 8 in Dashwood with more than 40 Optimists in attendance, including 3 members of our Club – Alberta Wood, Cliff Wood, and Denise Everett, as well as District Governor Gordon Brownlee. After introductions and invocation, there was a delicious grilled dinner of chicken and smoked pork chops along with roasted potatoes, spinach and potato salads, and rolls followed by rhubarb and strawberry pie for dessert. A short game was held before the serious meeting began. There were President's Reports from Ausable Port Franks, Crediton & District, Dashwood & Area, East Williams, Ilderton, and Parkhill. No representatives were present from Forest, Grand Bend, or Ipperwash & District. Not too surprisingly, Dashwood had the most members present with 9, while East Williams and Crediton had 6 each. Crediton at 9 members altogether was best represented in terms of percentage of members. They are responsible for organizing the Much Music Video Dances. East Williams noted the upcoming Rural Ramble on July 1st. Parkhill reported they would be having a car show on August 20th. We noted particularly our forthcoming golf tournament on July 10th. Janet Waite, Lt. Governor, announced the Sam Bell Award winner as Nicole Chapman of Dashwood. She was described as an incredibly active and caring member with numerous other community activities, in spite of having cerebral palsy, who passed away in February. Out of 8 previous winners, 3 are from our Club: Marlene Ritchie, Mary Dalgleish, and Michele Polley. Ron Huxley of Ausable Port Franks gave a report on status of plans for the District Convention on August 11, 12, and 13th. More donations are still needed for the hospitality room raffles. Plans for various activities such as a spousal tour, the Magic and Mayhem dinner event, Old Timers Breakfast with a hypnotist, training for new officers, and a Governor's Ball were noted. The next meeting of the Convention Committee will be on July 13th at the convention venue, the Holiday Inn at Point Edward. Our member, Cliff Wood, won one of three door prizes and donated it back to the Convention Committee, as did the other two winners. The "shoe" passed around the room raised \$71.66 for the Convention.

Bike Rodeo – 12th June:

The bike rodeo was rescheduled for June 12th, new leaflets were sent to Oxbow school. The weather was kind to us and the rain stayed away. We had about 45 kids participate. Thank you to Officer M. Smith and Officer Lee for running the course. Thank you also to the Brain and Injury Association for coming out and checking all the kids' helmets and providing new ones as needed. Also thanks to Chris Staines for providing bike checks and minor alterations. It is great to know our kids are as safe as they can be. The following prizes were raffled off: bike, skateboard and 2 backpacks. The bike went to Daryl from Arva, who was initially in shock, but later he couldn't wipe the grin off his face. Annie from Ilderton won the skateboard and will be donating this to the golf silent auction. Two other children won the backpacks. New Orleans Pizza gave a special deal on pizzas which was most appreciated as it was not a warm day. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success.

Registration



Helmet Check



Bike Check




Course walk through



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. 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.

Mon June 20 Fri July 22 Sat August 13 Wed Sept 21	
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REMINDER RE WWW....

Don't forget to check out the **NEW** Ilderton Optimist Club on the web-site www.ilderton.optimistcanada.ca
 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.



CONTACTS:

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