



OPTIMIST CLUB OF ILBERTON NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING HOPE AND POSITIVE VISION
OPTIMISTS BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS !



March 2010

MARCH DINNER MEETING:

MARCH 24th

Ilderton Community Centre 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.

**WE HAVE MANY NEW MEMBERS
SO PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE TO OUR DINNER MEETINGS**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from New Zealand again! The best news for the month is the success of the Trillium Grant! Congratulations to the hard working Splash Pad Committee. This gives us \$40,000 towards the project. More will be reported on this elsewhere in the Newsletter. Other committees have been hard at work on the Spelling Bee just completed at Oxbow School with kids doing very well. Plans are in place for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd. More events for children will be coming up in June. Thanks to all the hard working committee members on these events, as well as to those members of the Executive who have stepped in to help out while I've been away. Welcome to the several new members who have joined during these past three months. Encourage your friends and neighbours to join with us in providing support for youth activities. Hope to see you soon!





FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Mark your calendars!):

This month

Next month


10 th March – Ilderton Spelling Bee 24 th March – Dinner Meeting 30 th March – Zone Spelling Bee	2 nd April – BBQ at the Auction 3 rd April – Easter Egg Hunt 20 th April - Bingo 24 th April – Adopt-a-Highway cleanup 28 th April – Dinner meeting
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Spelling Bee

	<p>The spelling bee was held on March 10th, a great success, attended by 24 children. The winners of this competition go on to the zone competition held at Port Franks on 30th March 2010. We wish the contenders good luck:</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">WINNERS</p> <p>Grade 5 Jackson Christensen Grade 6 Elizabeth Hisey Grade 7 Dylan King Grade 8 Laura McFalls</p>	

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 style="text-align: center;">Sunday March 28th 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.

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING REPORT:

This meeting was well attended; including our guest Keri Hanlon. It was a most enjoyable evening, chaired by Paul Maseè, the February meeting was full of awards.

Awards from the zone Meeting	Awards from the QB Meeting
Car Zone award for Ilderton – Deb Hunter for stepping up to chair the Frozen food fund raiser.	2009 Badge - \$500 donation to HOBY Net 5 badge Recognition of membership maintenance – Plaque
Laser Pen – Marlene Ritchie – for new Optimist Members	Honour Club – Certificate and badge – Marlene Ritchie Honour Club – Certificate – Dan Brown
Laser Pen – Michele Polley – for new Optimist Members	Honour Club – Certificate – Alberta Wood Membership Award – box - Cliff Wood

The motion by Denise Everett that the Optimist Club of Ilderton to donate \$100 to the District Convention Committee was seconded by Barb MacDougall and there were no objections from the floor.

In the March meeting we will be taking nominations for the executive, a list of officers and directors are shown on the last page; please consider one of these positions; and feel free to call any of the current executive to discuss further.

At the quarter board meeting we were asked for a commitment to an increase of funds for the bravery beads program; after discussions we felt we could not commit to this program this year due to our large commitment to a splash pad for Ilderton.

The BBQ for the Good Friday Auction on the 2nd April is a go so we need a minimum of 12 volunteers. We will be working with the Kilworth/Komoka Optimist Club who will show us the ropes. So please volunteer, also any students needing to top up their volunteer hours will be welcome too. The day will be divided in shifts, so it's not all day ! Please call Denise Everett on 519 666 0841 to volunteer. This fundraiser will be very worthwhile and all profits will go to the splash pad.

It was discussed and agreed by the members at the dinner meeting to get involved in the Olympic after party for Scott and Tessa. We will offer volunteers, some financial assistance a ceiling of \$500. including a paver. An engraved paver has been made for Scott & Tessa and will be placed in the splash pad path. It was motioned by Brad Polley to offer a ceiling of \$500, this was seconded by Bruce Pollock. There were no objections from members in attendance. Once approved by the Alcohol & Gaming Commission funds will come from the bingo account. More information will be provided when details and date is available.

50/50 draw of \$50 was won by Bruce Pollock.

From the January dinner meeting, it was voted in favour of donating a \$100 to the New Art Award at the Ilderton Fair.

News from the Executive Meeting and upcoming events

Ilderton Garden Tour

The Garden Tour committee has started to organise this event for Saturday 4th July 2010, from 11am – 4:30pm. The committee are looking for sponsors who want an advert on the ticket for \$20. Also we are looking for gardens in and around Ilderton, if you have any suggestions please advise Mary Dalglish the chairperson for this event. We will also need volunteers for this event, so please mark this in your calendar.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday 3rd April at 10am in Heritage Park. Volunteers are needed for Egg Stuffing on Sunday 28th March 1-3pm at 97 Robert Street. Please email Janine Gray or call her on 519 666 1351 if you are able to help.

Splash Pad

The Trillium grant of \$40,000 was awarded to us, which is great news and as we now can anticipate installation before the summer. Keith has emailed a list of streets to hand out order forms. If everyone does a little it's not as overwhelming for the committee. Please sign up!

Food Wagon

On Easter Friday we will be running a BBQ with the Kilworth/Komoka Optimist Club. The volunteers will be split into two sessions, morning and afternoon; a few volunteers will also be needed on Thursday afternoon to setup. We are also looking for anyone who can lend a generator for this event. Please contact Denise Everett if you are able to help.



Birthdays and Events

If you wish to have a Birthday or special event mentioned in the newsletter, please let the secretary know.

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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Thought for the weekLife is really simple, but we insist on making it making it complicated... Confucius

Denise Everett
 Ilderton Optimist Secretary