



OPTIMIST CLUB OF ILBERTON NEWSLETTER

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May 2010

MAY DINNER MEETING:

May 26th

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been another busy month! The Yard Sale for the Cure was a success with about \$1,241 being raised to donate to cancer research. Also successful were the Highway Clean-Up and the Bike/Skateboarding Safety Rodeo. The Zone and Quarter Board meetings were attended. Reports on various activities follow. 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 during June we will have events involving golf and baseball, as well as the summer BBQ. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming May dinner meeting where Cliff and I plan to present a slide show on our winter (their summer) stay in New Zealand.

APRIL DINNER MEETING REPORT:

The dinner meeting was well attended and among our guests was our Lieutenant Governor Lorie Scott, who gave a brief talk on the hierarchy of Optimist Clubs, and how it all hangs together. She mentioned that the Optimist Club of Ilderton is within Zone 8, which has a total of 282 members in 9 Clubs, and we are in District 45 [see Quarter Board report for more membership info]. She also mentioned the new incentive "4 for 4" to get more members. Anyone sponsoring 4 members will get their international and district fees paid for them for next year.



We had the induction of recently joined member Catherine McCallum whose sponsor was Denise Everett. We welcome her involvement in fund-raising for the Splash Pad project. Her links with the Oxbow Home and School Association will also help in work within the community.

Lorie also presented Brian Hanlon and Keith Cullion with her Lt. Governor's Awards for all their work as Co-Chairs for the Splash Pad Project. These awards recognize special efforts and achievements of Club members each quarter during the year.



It was announced that there will be a special “**Celebration** for Scott and Tessa” on June 12th. Barb McDougall is chairing the parade part of the program. With the assistance and equipment of the Komoka-Kilworth Club, our Club will have a food booth at the event. *(new info: Denise will be chairing for the Optimist club, and volunteers will be needed to help with this. Scheduling will be done so that all will be able to enjoy the event activities.)* Don't forget to get your \$5 ticket from various locations in Ilderton.

There were reports on various events, for which you can find an up-to-date report later on in the newsletter.

Volunteers are still needed for the Garden Tour on Sunday 4th July between 11am-4pm. If you are able to help, please let Mary Dalglish know by e-mail: m.dalglish@sympatico.ca or by phone: 519-666-1318.

50/50 draw of \$70 was won by Catherine McCallum.

UPDATES ON CURRENT/PAST EVENTS

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

A bang-up job was done on the Highway Clean-up on April 24th with about 10 people out picking up trash along Hyde Park and another 5 or so tidying up Junction Park and laying down new mulch. Gary Edwards and Jim Moore hauled the many bags away in Gary's pick-up truck. Yummy muffins, tea and coffee were enjoyed afterwards thanks to Mary Dalglish and Annabelle LeBreton.



YARD SALE FOR THE CURE

The Yard Sale event went well this year despite rain throughout the morning on May 1. We raised \$1241.00 for cancer research. There was a clear sign that the community is still behind the event as people had their donations waiting for the canvassers. So, although we raised less money than last year (a perfect weather day), but about the same as the first year, it was a great day for the community. Thanks to all those who helped with this, especially Mark and Wendy Hord who took the lead role.

All left over donations from the optimist table at the yard sale were taken to the Optimist Club of Lucan, Thrift Store at 176 Main Street, Lucan. Tel: 519 227 2000. They are open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. They are accepting any donations (no electronics), money raised goes to the fundraising efforts of the Optimist Club of Lucan.

MUCH MUSIC DANCE

The dance was a lot of fun. There were 23 students on the bus, 5 Optimist volunteers, and the event raised \$115.00 toward the graduation. Optimist support was much appreciated by the Grade 8 students. We received a letter of thanks from the students, too.

SAFETY ON WHEELS RODEO:

Attendance was recorded at 62 participants at the event on May 16th. Volunteers from the Brain Injury Association were present and fitted helmets. We also had three professional skateboarders from the board shop in London.

There were many **WINNERS:**

Matthew Queenan was the winner of the Bike

Michael Bukata was the winner of the skateboard

Amelia Napier was the winner of the sunglasses

Meahgan Gooding was the winner of the sweater

Jessica Amos and Xavier Belliveau were both winners of a poster

We enjoyed pizza and drinks, good company, and a beautiful Sunny day. The O.P.P. were great to work with and the event itself was a great success!!!!

Thanks to Alicia Vandewetering who led and all the members who helped on this event.

SPLASH PAD

Our club has exceeded our fundraising goal of \$ 20,000.00. All funds collected that exceed this amount will be used for park amenities such as shade providers, picnic tables, benches, etc. \$57 was received from McDonalds following the fund-raiser night on April 22nd. 155 pavers have been sold as of May 12th 2010. The splash pad has been ordered by the municipality and when they determine the installation date, we will be asking for volunteers to assist in laying the stones for the walkway. There will be a contractor doing the major work, digging out the area, preparing the base, etc, but some assistance will be required by our club as well.

QUARTER BOARD REPORT – 15th May 2010

This was attended by Alberta and Cliff Wood.

Main highlights include:

- 3 new clubs in the district, bringing number of clubs to 81 and membership of 2345, plus 1 over last year!
- Bravery Bead program is close to meeting its goal of \$26,200 for the year.
- The parallel meeting in Niagara Falls will be the First Quarter Board, 22 to 24 October.
- Promotions Corall is now the "exclusive supplier in Canada, U.S.A., and the Caribbean ... allowed to market or sell Optimist trademarked products at any meeting, event, or activity."
- More information was received for the Convention in Leamington in August. Sounds like a great event for members with kids, as well as for the members.


As usual, this was a great place to swap ideas and hear about new projects.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Mark your calendars!):

29 th May – Golf	4 th July – Garden Tour
9 th June – Exec Meeting	3/4 th July – Grand Bend Motorplex
19 th June - Baseball	13/15 th August – SWONT District Convention,
23 rd June – Social BBQ	Pelee Days Inn, Leamington

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 June 15th Thursday July 15th</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

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof was to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools. - Douglas Adams