



OPTIMIST CLUB OF ILBERTON NEWSLETTER

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



November 2009

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING:

November 28th
Ilderton Community Centre
6:30pm - Social
7:00pm - dinner
7:45 - meeting and discussion

Please let Mary Dalglish know
whether you plan to attend or not.

e-mail: m.dalglish@sympatico.ca
phone: 519-666-1318

Our dinner this month will be pizza and salad followed by desert. This coincides with the New Orleans Pizza fundraiser with proceeds going to the splash pad.

Please bring in stubs and money for any raffle tickets you have sold.

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

We had a well-attended October meeting and are looking forward to a similar turnout for this month. One of our members, Dr. David Colby, will be speaking on a timely subject, the H1N1 flu. Hopefully, he will have answers to the many questions about it that many of us have. We shall also welcome a new member to our Executive Board – Janet Siddall Smith – has agreed to serve. Many thanks, Janet! Shortly before the meeting on the 23rd, we will have the distribution of the Frozen Food. We'll look forward to that and appreciate all the hard work by Deb Hunter and her committee. Coming up fast is the biggest event of the year, Breakfast with Santa on December 5th. The help of all members will be appreciated for this one! It is a lot of fun and attracts many people from our community. It signals the beginning of Christmas celebrations. We hope that all will have a lovely holiday. Enjoy the festivities. Don't forget the New Year's Eve Family Skating Party!

OCTOBER DINNER MEETING REPORT:

24 members and 2 special guests, Lorie Scott Lieutenant Governor for our zone and her husband Derek Scott attended. Once again Art Mercer won the 50/50 draw and collected \$42 – congratulations.

We reviewed the budget and the following motions were passed:

Motion that a letter will be sent to the township accepting a \$20,000 interest free loan for the splash pad, payable by the Ilderton Optimist Club over the next 5 years.

Motion to approve the budget as presented.

Motion to increase the entrance fee for Santa's Breakfast from \$6 to \$7 for anyone over the age of 10 was passed.

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES

A cheque for \$700 was presented to the club as a way of thanks for our clubs help with the Much Music event.



Mr and Mrs Hord were presented with a voucher in congratulations to their recent marriage.



Induction of New Board members.

The new executive were sworn in by Lorie, we wish them well in what looks to be a busy optimistic year. Thank you to our two new directors Janet Smith and Keith Cullion who were coerced into the position, we welcome new ideas and discussion that these additions to the executive will bring.



The position of vice-president is still open, for those of you considering the position, please be aware we do not expect you to step into the president's position in the following year. But an extra person on the board who can help with some of the duties will assist us all.

Zone Award

Mary Dagleish was presented with an award from Lt. Gov. Lorie Scott in recognition of Mary's continuous work for the club. Mary received a classy blue Volkswagen beetle toy car. This ties in with our Governor Marty Quenneville's slogan "Roads Always Meet"



Remembrance Day



Alberta Wood attended the service on Sunday, November 8th, in the Community Centre . A wreath laying ceremony was held outside at the Cenotaph on Ilderton Road by the entrance to the Arena and Community Centre Grounds.



RECENT EVENTS

Report on 14 November 2009 Quarter Board



Alberta Wood and Annabelle LeBreton attended on behalf of our club. 97 members plus guests were in attendance.

Gordon Brownlee won the election for the position of Governor-Elect



A motion was passed to expand the commitment to the Bravery Beads program to \$26,100 annually. Each Club may donate as they wish, though a donation of \$350 per club would cover this. As we have budgeted \$800 we are doing good! Individuals may also donate and for \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt. It was pointed out that Bravery Bead program donations over a certain amount qualify for OI Foundation matching funds.




International Vice President Mark Katz who had served as Governor of the Michigan District in 2003-2004 spoke about how he became an Optimist Club member and the various roles that he has played in the organization since then. He joined as a result of being invited to a NOW meeting. He showed a motivational video showing how an individual can make a significant difference in the life of a child by giving support and encouragement.

There were 9 training sessions, and we were able to attend 6 of them. Internet Safety is a new program of Optimist International, and the Michigan District Optimists website - <http://www.michiganoptimists.org/> - has links to a variety of information about how to get started, training our members, and an introductory video. Another session was on protocol, which covered general fellowship and hospitality, giving invocations and toasts, head table seating, flag display, and treating new members properly. A third session concentrated on fund raising. One part of it was a description of a particular fund raising venture that might have some application here, perhaps. On this and other fund raising, it was stressed to be organized and have realistic goals. A lot of very detailed and helpful suggestions were given. The session on Spelling Bees gave useful information about dates for this years deadlines. This information can be found on the SWONT District web site www.swontoptimist.org. Youth Activities reinforced the importance of working with the youth of the community. It was stressed that if you are working with school activities in schools, volunteers require a police check. Optimist JOOI Clubs were discussed with a number of JOOI members present. This group of very enthusiastic young people sold Christmas Cards that they had made. They raised over \$130.00 at the meeting which they donated to Ron Huxley's "Bravery Beads" project. An Optimist JOOI club could be something that the Ilderton Optimists might wish to sponsor as it provides youth with an opportunity to do community service and is a training ground for potential Optimist members. Should this club be interested in sponsoring such a group a representative from the Lambeth Optimist Club would be happy to explain the program at a future meeting.

Reported by Alberta Wood and Annabelle LeBreton

BIRTHDAYS – November / December / January

<p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>December 2nd Gary Edwards December 7th Alicia Vandewetering December 10th Art Mercer December 15th Michele Polley December 21st Wendy Hord</p>	
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UPCOMING EVENTS

SPLASH PAD Progress

15 paving stones have been ordered and raffle tickets are still being sold. The Trillium grant application form has been submitted, we won't know the outcome until March 2010.

We will be sending out letters requesting donations, if you have any business contacts and addresses please let Brian know these.

FROZEN FOOD fund-raiser

Over 700 forms were sent out and over 100 orders were received, congratulations [Team Chilly](#). Don't forget to remind friends and family to pick up their orders at the Community Bible Church on Monday November 23rd between 3-6pm.

NAME TAG

All Ilderton Optimist members are asked to wear their name tag for the whole day on November the 25th. This hopefully will get the public to ask why we are wearing a name badge and give us the opportunity to spread the word of what we do, and maybe recruit some new members.

BREAKFAST with SANTA

Preparations for Santa's breakfast are well underway, taking place at the Community Centre on the morning of the 5th Dec.

NEW YEARS EVE SKATE

This is being chaired by Todd Denny and Josh Campbell, but more volunteers are needed for this event. Please sign-up it's a fun filled event on 31st December at the arena from 7-9pm

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INTERNET SAFETY

The club is looking into helping parents by providing information on internet safety for children. But for now here is some internet safety information that may help you,

If you're like most people, about 90% of the mail that comes to your personal inbox these days is unwanted — from seemingly harmless sales emails to viruses disguised as the latest joke or gossip. Fortunately, there are a few good techniques to use when determining if an email is legitimate.

One of the most obvious methods is looking at the “From:” address. It is not going to be the spammers real email address; that would be too easy to trace back to them. Instead, they will use a fake address or a real address that is not connected to them. And to give their email the best chance of getting through, spammers will choose a common domain, such as @hotmail.com or @yahoo.com. No anti-spam service can block a domain that produces so much legitimate email.


Another place to look is the grammar, spelling and even the words used. Emails coming from large, legitimate companies are proofread before they are sent; a badly written email should be a red flag. Along those same lines, large companies generally do not use multiple exclamation points (!!!!) or casual words (Hey, Yo, Dude) in their communications. If a word or phrase seems out of place, be suspicious.

Finally, be aware of what the email wants you to do. If it has an attachment, assume it is a virus. It is safer to make that assumption than it is to take your chances by clicking it. If there is a link in the email, roll your mouse pointer over it without clicking. Most email programs will show you where the link will take you. If you get an email that claims to be from a legitimate company, but the link goes to a site you’ve never heard of, you should investigate further before clicking.

These types of emails would not be so common if they weren’t working. If we all spent a little more time looking before we leaped, we would not only stay safer, we would also reduce the amount of spam that’s sent.

From GoDaddy.com on 16th November 2009.

BINGO DATES:

Monday December 28 th	Monday January 18 th Friday February 19 th Sunday March 28 th	
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Please contact Brad or Michele Polley (mpolley@execulink.com or 666-2467) to volunteer to help with the Bingo games.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Mark your calendars!):

November 23, 24, 25 - New Orleans Pizza Fundraiser

November 23 – Orders will be available for pickup at the Community Bible Church between 3-6pm

November 25 – wear your name badge, and let people know you are an Optimist

November 25 - **Monthly Dinner Meeting**, Community Centre, 6:30 pm

December 5 - Breakfast with Santa, Community Centre,

December 5 - Club Christmas Party 7:30

There is no monthly dinner meeting in December


December 31 - New Year’s Eve Family Skating Party, Arena, 7 - 9 pm


January 27, 2010 - **Monthly Dinner Meeting**, Community Centre, 6:30 pm

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

Club Officers:	Directors:
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)	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 align="center">Southwestern Ontario Optimists (SWONT)</p> <p align="center">Governor – Marty Quenneville Governor-Elect – Gordon Brownlee Secretary Treasurer - John Ewanick Lieutenant Governor Zone 8 - Lorie Scott Past Governor - Doug Kinchen</p>
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	<p align="center">OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL</p> <p align="center">President - Mark Shriver President Elect – Danny Rodgers Immediate Past President - Donald R. Sievers</p>
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” - Winston Churchill

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Denise Everett
 Ilderton Optimist Secretary