



OPTIMIST CLUB OF ILBERTON NEWSLETTER



Providing Hope and Positive Vision

Important Reminder: Our yearly dues of \$50 per member are due.

Cheques can be made out to the Optimist Club of Ilderton.

President's Message

We are coming up to a busy time of year for us, a few fund raisers and two events. We will need all hands on deck for the Santa's Breakfast on Saturday 3rd December, and don't forget our Christmas Party which will be that evening at my house (kids welcome, be aware alcohol will be served).

We will have a representative from Tourism of Middlesex at our Santa's breakfast, who will be collecting gloves/mittens and hats for children who don't have them, so if you wish to help out, please bring them along to the dinner meeting or Santa's breakfast.

The executive have decided to try and run a NOW program (New Optimist Welcome) next February. We will be asking you for recommendations of prospective members and we will then follow this up with a letter and phone call. So put your thinking caps on.

I look forward to our next dinner meeting where we can see the new facilities at the Recreation and Wellness clinic, we will even take an after dinner stroll round the indoor track, so wear your trainers or walking shoes.

Also don't forget the toy drive is this weekend Sat 19th Nov, and the food drive is on Sunday 20th November.

Denise

Upcoming Dates

19 th November – Toy Drive	3 rd December – Christmas Party
19 th November – BINGO	8 th December - Masonville Booth
23rd November – Dinner Meeting	15 th December – BINGO
1 st December – Pick Up Frozen Food	31st December – New Year's Skate
3 rd December – Santa's Breakfast	Jan 25 th – Dinner Meeting

Next Dinner Meeting: November 23rd

Location: Middlesex Wellness & Recreation Centre

6:30 pm – Tour of Facility

7:00 pm – Dinner

7:40 pm – Meeting & discussion

Afterwards, we are invited to try out the indoor walking/running track, so bring your running shoes.

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

Email: m.dagleish@sympatico.ca

Phone: 519-666-1318

Upcoming Events

CASH CALENDARS

We have 999 of these to sell! We will be selling them at the Santa's breakfast and have also booked three days at Masonville Mall at the charity booth near the food court. If you have yet to pick up your cash calendars or are in need of more, please contact Brian Hanlon at 519-666-2130 or email bjhanlon@sympatico.ca.

FROZEN FOOD DRIVE

Tomorrow (Nov. 17) is the last day to get your orders in. Order forms can be dropped off at the Granite Computer Shop (next to New Orleans's Pizza) or at 122 Meadowcreek Dr., Unit #6. The food is to be picked up on December 1 at the Community Bible Church at Meadowcreek Dr. and Hyde Park Rd. between 3:30 – 6 pm. Volunteers are still needed to help sort the food at the church on Dec. 1 at 2:30. You can contact Cheryl Cullion at 519-666-0951 or email ccullion@hotmail.com. Also needed are plastic grocery bags which you can bring to the next meeting.

TOY DRIVE

This Saturday morning, Nov. 19th, please set out new, unwrapped toys outside your doors to be collected for the local food bank in Ailsa Craig. Watch for the glamorous gents and ladies who will be decked out in their finest finery to collect the items.

SANTA'S BREAKFAST

December 3, 8:30 – 11:30. The organizing committee have things well under way, but volunteers are still needed to make this big event a success. If you haven't signed up yet, please do as this is the one event which requires all members' participation. A sign-up sheet is attached to this newsletter. Please choose an assignment (or if one has been chosen for you and you want to try something different) please contact Marlene Ritchie at 519-474-2828 or email ritchdm@sympatico.ca.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 3rd. Our annual club's Christmas party will be held at Tim & Denise Everett's house, 54 Red Clover Court. Children are welcome but beware, alcohol will be provided – for the grown up, of course! Members are welcome to bring an appetizer.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SKATE PARTY

December 31. If any members are interested in helping out with this fun evening event that culminates with a giant balloon drop at 9pm on New Year's Eve, please contact Todd Denny at 519-666-3595 or todd.denny@investorsgroup.com.

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.

**Sat. Nov 19,
Fri. Dec 16th
Feb. 20th
March 21st**

October Dinner Meeting Report

This month, we hosted the Zone Meeting and invited the other clubs from Zone 8 to join us at our monthly dinner meeting. We had 46 members attend with representatives from 6 of the 9 clubs. We were also honoured to have in attendance Governor Bruce Cox who conducted the installations of new Club Officers. Among The Ilderton club, the new officers included: Denise Everett, President; Kara Muller, Secretary; and Cathy Cochrane and Dan Muller as Directors. Our own Alberta Wood was sworn in as Lt. Governor for Zone 8.

We were also happy to induct a new member, Jean Coles who was sponsored by Denise Everett. Jean introduced herself as the mother of a (then) seven week old baby and 3-year-old child who relocated to Ilderton last December. We would like to warmly welcome Jean to our club.

After a brief discussion of our local issues, a representative from each visiting club spoke about different fun and successful events their club hosts. It was interesting to learn what the other

clubs are doing. We also listened to some very inspiring speakers discuss the Bravery Bead Program as well as some interesting ideas regarding improving attendance at dinner meetings.

As usual, we ended our evening with the 50/50 draw. Marlene Ritchie was the lucky winner of \$79 with an equal amount going to the Bravery Bead Fund.



Our New President, Denise Everett



Our newest member, Jean Cole



New Executive Members



Governor Bruce Cox with our own Alberta Wood as our new Lt. Governor

November Executive Meeting

At the November Executive Meeting, Denise and Alberta gave a summary of the Quarter Board Meeting and the information they gained at the Training Sessions. One of the sessions dealt with the club's marketing/pr which led into a discussion about the need to improve our cupboard in the Community Centre. Any help and/or ideas are most welcome. Also discussed was holding a NOW (New Optimists Welcome) program this February. Denise has lots of great ideas for this program and you will be hearing more details a little closer to the date.

We also received several requests for donations which were tabled for this year due to budget restraints. These requests will be re-examined next year when we establish a new budget.

Among other items discussed were updates on current fundraisers and upcoming events.

Quarter Board Meeting Report

Our President, Denise Everett and our Lt. Governor, Alberta Woods attended the recent Quarter Board meeting in Windsor along with 80 other Optimist Members. They found it to be an excellent meeting with inspiring guest speakers. Between them, they participated in six training sessions which they found quite informative and have returned home with new ideas regarding such topics as Marketing/PR for the Club and installing a NOW (New Members Welcome) program. Alberta also returned with a gift basket from Munro Honey which she won as a prize.

The third Quarter Board Meeting is on April 28. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Denise Everett.



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www.ilderton.optimistcanada.ca?

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The Optimist International website may be found at: <http://www.optimist.org/>.

Our general e-mail address is optimists@ilderton.ca.

CONTACTS:

<p>Ilderton Club Officers:</p> <p>President – Denise Everett (519-666-0841) Vice President – Keith Cullion (519-666-0951) Secretary – Kara Muller (519-666-1342) Treasurer – Todd Denny (519-666-3595) Past President – Alberta Wood (519-666-3282)</p>	<p>Ilderton Directors:</p> <p>Brian Hanlon (519-666-2130) Laurie Thornton (519-666-1818) Marlene Ritchie (519-474-2828) Cathy Cochrane (519-666-3884) Rick Horton (519-666-3615) Dan Muller (519-666-1342)</p>
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