



OPTIMIST CLUB OF ILBERTON NEWSLETTER

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



October 2009

OCTOBER DINNER MEETING:

This will be on **October 28th** at the Community Centre: Social 6:30 pm, dinner 7:00 pm, meeting and discussion 7:45 pm. Please let Mary Dalglish (m.dalglish@sympatico.ca or 666-1318) know whether you plan to attend or not. 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.

Main topic of discussion will be approving this year's budget – a copy will be sent out via email shortly before the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year of Optimism filled with wonderfully optimistic activities. Along with events of many years tradition, such as Breakfast with Santa, we have a new major fund-raising one, the Splash Pad. It is exciting to contemplate the addition of this facility for the children of our community. As your new President, I wish to thank the outgoing members of the Executive for their service and the remaining ones for their continued dedication, as well as welcome the new members of the Executive. I look forward to serving the Club in my new capacity and will appreciate the words of wisdom from my more experienced colleagues.

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING REPORT:

24 members, 2 potential new members and 2 special guests, Lorie Scott incoming Lieutenant Governor for our zone and Tracy Zavitz from the Ilderton Lions Club attended the September 23rd meeting at the Community Centre. Marlene Ritchie chaired the meeting. A lovely social and dinner took place with a very full meeting afterwards. Among the items discussed were increased dues, new fund-raisers ideas and progress of the Ilderton Splash Pad.

Thank-you to Josh Campbell for taking over the ordering of optimist shirts.

Antics included Jack swiping anything with wings that dared go near him and Todd being showered with numerous cheques for dues.

DUES ARE DUE:

Anyone who hasn't paid their dues please bring your cheque book to the meeting or put your payment in the post. The sign-up sheet will also be available at the dinner meeting; if you need the email re-sent to you please contact denise.everett@sympatico.ca

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES

PRESIDENT CITATION - Outstanding Optimist Club Member



Every year the president has an opportunity to choose a member in the club who "has demonstrated an exceptional dedication, care, and love of the club and club members." This year Marlene chose Mary Dalglish as the worthy recipient. As one of our Charter Members, she has been in the club for 18 years and has held many positions, but it's the behind the scenes work that she likes best. Mary has coordinated our dinner meetings for several years, ensuring all are invited, caterer is notified and meeting room is set up complete with tablecloths, centre pieces and drinks. She has been a co-chair for the Santa's Breakfast for many years.

Mary helps with most events, offers coffee & muffins at her house after the Adopt a Highway cleanup and has hosted our June BBQ for several years, too. Mary has taken only a short time away from the club while Bob, her husband was very ill before he passed away. This summer she suffered a heart attack but before I knew it, she was on the phone with an idea to have a Garden Tour in Ilderton as a fundraiser! The executive supported it and Mary is well on her way! We are blessed to have you in our club, Mary! Thank you!

INDUCTION of 4 new members by our new Lieutenant Governor Lorie Scott



Congratulations to

Helen Heller
Lane Heller
Rick Horton
Alicia Vandewetering



MOTHER TERESA AWARD – awarded to Erica Poor

Erica Poor is a caring, responsible, mature young woman who wants to make a positive difference in her communities. She has volunteered for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, her church, the Cancer Society and at elementary sports tournaments, as well as a very active member of the Mother Teresa community. She played basketball and volleyball throughout her high school years, was a leader of the Peer Support Team, and was on the student council in her final year. Her scholastic average was at the 'A' level, while participating in sports and being an active volunteer. Erica has moved on to being a student at Brock University, where we know she will continue her volunteerism while performing academically. She plans to be a teacher. Her future staff and students will be very fortunate to have her as a member of their community.

FAREWELL to our past treasurer – Dan Brown

We wish Dan well in his sabbatical in Winnipeg. Dan and his late wife, Mary were active members of the club for 9 years! Dan most recently served as Treasurer this past year. We thought an insulated Optimist coffee mug would be an appropriate parting gift for Winnipeg winters!



RECENT EVENTS

Todd Denny, Denise Everett and Alberta Wood all attended the Pres/Sec/Treas. Training Session on Sept 20 at Watford Optimist Hall. In preparation for their upcoming positions.



September 20th
Nancy & Brian Hanlon went to the reception for Angela Curtis. Brian said a few words of congratulations on behalf of the Optimists.

ILDERTON FAIR FLOAT

The weather was dark and grey, but held off for most of the time, the wagon was packed full of kids in their chosen occupation, Doctor, Business Woman, Hairdresser, Firefighter, Mail Carrier, Police officer, Vets, Karate Instructor, Mother and many more. Lollipops were handed out along the route to the young, to seniors and in between. The float was awarded 3rd place in its group – congratulations to Cliff and his team.



SPLASH PAD - ILBERTON FAIR BOOTH

This was an occasion to spread the news of the upcoming splash pad to the community. We also sold Raffle tickets and paving stones. With the weather as it was (cold and rainy) numbers were down. However raffle tickets were sold and news spread about the paving stones and there was a lot of interest. About 10 Blocks were sold, mainly to optimist members. Many people in the community were interested and took order forms so we shall see what comes back.

For Block order forms go to www.ilderton.ca/splashpad



News

Congratulations to Wendy and Mark.

Married September 2009.




Wendy writes – “we had such a fun day with friends, family and our own special 3 musketeers!

We had my Parents and Sister and family down from Sault Ste Marie, two cousins from Toronto and numerous others from the area. It was a gorgeous day and we enjoyed every moment of it. Our ceremony was in Lucan at our church, CBC #7 and our reception was in Ilderton. It was a great day for us, one we had been looking forward to for a while. “

BIRTHDAYS – NOVEMBER:

Happy Birthday!!!, Belated or Early, to those we know -

<p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>October 23 Todd Denny November 16 Don McAlpine</p>	
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UPCOMING EVENTS

FROZEN FOOD fund-raiser

Order forms are available from Deb Hunter and can be picked up at the October dinner meeting or from the King Edward Restaurant and will also be available at post office. Orders must be returned with a cheque or cash no later than 12th November. Orders will be available for pickup at the Community Bible Church on Monday November 23rd between 3-6pm. Order forms will be handed out to children at school, but this does not encompass the whole community, so please take some order forms and hand them out to neighbours, work colleagues, friends and family. We need everyone's best efforts to make this fundraiser a success since proceeds from the sales are necessary to subsidize member's dues payments!

BREAKFAST with SANTA


If you wish to help with this event please make sure you sign up, so that the chairs can contact you. This is usually a very busy event taking place at the Community Centre on the morning of the 5th Dec.

NEW YEARS EVE SKATE

We need a chair and more volunteers for this event.

Please sign-up it's a fun filled event on 31st December at the arena from 7-9pm

BINGO DATES:

Saturday Oct 24 th Sunday November 15 th Monday December 28 th	Monday January 18 th Friday February 19 th Sunday March 28 th (Brad & Michele away, leader needed!)	
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Please contact Brad or Michele Polley (mpolley@execulink.com or 666-2467) to volunteer to help with the Bingo games.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE!

Don't forget that sponsoring a new member garners you entry into a draw for a \$500 gas card, as well as recognition in other ways.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Mark your calendars!):

October 28 - **Monthly Dinner Meeting**, Community Centre, 6:30 pm

October/November - Frozen Food Sale Fund Raiser

New Orleans Pizza Fundraiser - November 23, 24, 25

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

December 5 - Breakfast with Santa, Community Centre,
 - Club Christmas Party

There is no monthly dinner meeting in December

December 31 - New Year's Eve Family Skating Party, Arena, 7 - 9 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 (646-2196) Paul Massé (666-1175) Brad Polley (666-2467) Michele Polley (666-2467) We need you – position vacant And you – position vacant



Southwestern Ontario Optimists (SWONT)

Governor – Marty Quenneville
Governor-Elect – **position vacant**
Secretary Treasurer - John Ewanick
Lieutenant Governor Zone 8 - Lorie Scott
Past Governor - Doug Kinchen



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

President - Mark Shriver
President Elect – Danny Rodgers
Immediate Past President - Donald R. Sievers

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

“Leadership is an action, not a position.” – Donald H. McGannon

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Denise Everett
Ilderton Optimist Secretary