



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.

Dinner Meeting: October 26th

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 Denise Everett (denise.everett@sympatico.ca) or Kara Muller (kmuller@granitecomputer.ca) know that you will be bringing a guest. All dinners are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. All executive meetings aim to be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Ilderton Community Centre 6:30 pm – Social 7:00 pm – Dinner 7:45 pm – meeting and discussion	Please let Mary Dalgleish know whether you plan to attend or not. e-mail: m.dalgleish@sympatico.ca phone: 519-: 666-1318
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President's Message

Welcome to a new year of optimism. I am very proud to be the President of our club this year. I am still in awe at the amount we do and achieve. Just this past week the Early Years Program ran a scavenger hunt which we sponsor, and there was a presentation and tour at the Children's Hospital where I was fortunate to see the new Optimist Inpatient Wing. We celebrate 20 years as a club this year, and finally some of the longstanding executive members are able to take a small step back. Thank-you to all those who have helped make the club so successful. So, we have a new executive and I thank all of you for stepping forward to help run our club and all we do for the children and community. We are all learning – so please be patient with us and help guide us through this year. At our first executive meeting we came up with a set of by-laws to help us be consistent; these will be passed around for approval via email. We all joined the Optimists for one reason or another, and I hope the club is still providing you with what you expected. The next meeting is a zone meeting where other clubs from our zone will join us; it's a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and swap ideas for events and fundraising. Here's to a great 20th year for the Optimist Club of Ilderton.

Denise

Upcoming Dates	
20 th October - BINGO	3 rd December – Santa’s Breakfast
26 th October - Zone Meeting	3 rd December – Christmas Party
19 th November – Masonville Booth	8 th December - Masonville Booth
19 th November – BINGO	15 th December – BINGO
November – Frozen Food Drive	31st December – New Year’s Skate

Sept 27th Dinner Meeting Report

We had 18 members attend for dinner, which as usual was fabulous. Another 7 members joined us for the meeting. The budget was discussed and motioned for approval. 1st by Michele Polley; 2nd Bruce Pollock. Dues were then discussed; our dues for next year are \$96; this is subsidized from the frozen food fundraiser. This year it was motioned that members pay \$50 and the club will pay the extra. Motioned by Doron T and 2nd Deb Hunter. Reports were given on the summer reading program, Middlesex Centre strategic planning meeting, Children's Hospital tour, cash calendar and Zone meeting - see details further on in the news letter. The proposed sign for the Ilderton Arena, which will be a multi club one, was discussed; we will revisit the wording and see what other clubs may also be on there and if it can be altered. Our cost of this will be a one off fee of \$50. We also got to see our new safety vests; which will be seen in use for the first time at the parade. Sign up sheets were passed around for the booth at the fair; bingo dates and our events board for the new optimist year 2010/2011. Bruce Pollock made us all aware that the sign along Ilderton Road, when you drive from the East to the West went missing on 1st April 2010; this was due to an accident. Bruce persisted in chasing insurance companies and his optimism came through as it has all been sorted and the new sign will be up in time for the fair weekend. THANK-YOU Bruce. As Alberta's last meeting as president she awarded two members for their dedication and involvement with the Presidents Citation - Well done to Keith Cullion and Brian Hanlon. Alberta was thanked for her time as president we wish her well as Lieutenant Governor for our Zone. We welcomed a new member, Jean Coles who moved to Ilderton last December and has two girls, a toddler and newborn ... welcome Jean. And last but not least Paul Masse won for the 4th time the 50/50 ... he graciously declined and it was drawn again; Jack LeBreton won \$42. The other half of the money will go to Optimist International.

Middlesex Centre Strategic Planning Meeting

Members from the Optimist Club of Ilderton were invited to attend this meeting; several of these were held with staff, council and members of the public. Bill Urwin from UWO was gathering information to present his findings to the council. This is for a 5 year plan. Our group mainly seemed worried about the expansion of London affecting us, and the expansion of communities, therefore losing the community feeling. One area that most people seem to want is a local indoor pool, and supporting local businesses.

October Executive Meeting

Among the items discussed were updates on the arena sign and the Cash Calendar fundraising, a report on the fair float, and a discussion of future events. With a new executive this year, we felt it important to put in writing club bylaws which would create consistency in the manner in which we run the club. Some of the proposed bylaws include the way in which the club would honour its members with gifts of condolences or congratulations. If any member knows of any event which they want the club to acknowledge, please contact Kara Muller at 519-666-1342 kmuller@granitecomputer.ca. It was also decided that all organizations requesting financial assistance from the club should submit a request in writing and also provide the club with a report on how our previous year's donation was allocated within their organization.

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 two days at Masonville Mall at the charity booth near the food court on Nov 19th & Dec 8th (10:00 AM to 9:00PM – we still need volunteers for this). We are also asking all members to sell at least 10 calendars. If you have yet to pick up your cash calendars to sell, or you are willing to help out at the Masonville booth, please contact Brian Hanlon at 519-666-2130 bjhanlon@sympatico.ca.

FROZEN FOOD DRIVE

Dates will be forthcoming soon about this event which is held in November. Volunteers will be needed. You can sign up on the Sign Up Poster at our next meeting, or contact Brian Hanlon at 519-666-2130 bjhanlon@sympatico.ca.

SANTA'S BREAKFAST

If you haven't signed up for this event yet, please do as this is the one event which requires all members' participation. To volunteer, you can contact Marlene Ritchie at 519-474-2828 ritchdm@sympatico.ca.

GARDEN TOUR – we will be planning a garden tour for 2012 and we need to start looking for gardens. If you see one that you think would be good, please contact Mary (m.dalgleish@sympatico.ca) about it. One garden assistant is required to help Mary find these gardens. So far we only have one garden confirmed.

Updates on Past Events

THE PARADE FLOAT

Mother Nature tried her best to extinguish the candles on the birthday cake float but was unsuccessful. A birthday cake was chosen as the year's theme as the club is celebrating 20 years young and the fair, 160 years. We are thrilled to announce that our float was awarded not one

but two awards; a 4th place ribbon and a plaque for “Best Float”. We would like to acknowledge the enthusiastic efforts of all that were involved, especially the children. Special mention goes to Jack and Annabelle LeBreton, Alberta and Cliff Wood, Denise Everett, Emily Lewis, Brian Hanlon, Keith Cullion, Michele & Brad Polley, Mike Gray, Doron Torczyner and Cathy Cochrane.



OPENING OF THE OPTIMIST INPATIENT CARE WING AT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

On Friday, October 14, Denise Everett, Marlene Ritchie and Barbara MacDougall joined 60 other optimist from the SouthWestern District and MidWestern District to celebrate the opening of the Optimist Inpatient Care wing at the Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre. The Children's Health Foundation raised money for this big venture and approached the Optimist districts to raise 1 million dollars in 5 years. The Optimist Club of Ilderton stepped up to the challenge and donated \$20,000. The wing is amazing, it's spacious and light and airy with spectacular views of London. We were also able to visit Ashley's Backyard, a room dedicated to play and fantasies – donated by the family of Ashley. And if you were wondering where the clock at Masonville has gone; it can be found in the spacious hospital atrium.



Barb & Marlene



Marlene, Barb & Denise in the Atrium



OPTIMIST CONVENTION

Jack & I wish to express our thanks for the support we received to attend the Optimist Convention in Point Edward, August 11-14, 2011.

The convention proved to be much work for Denise and Alberta who did our club proud with the convention booklet they co-authored, the receiving of registrations and the tallying of convention delegates.

The registration desk, that those of us from our club staffed, ran smoothly due to Denise's and Alberta's excellent preparations.

Denise and Alberta are to be congratulated for a job well done and thanked for the many hours of work they put in our behalf of our club. Many delegates commented on how impressed they were with how the registration desk was run.

We were proud to say we belonged to the Ilderton Club and enjoyed the meals, the entertainment and the address given by the International Vice President from Barbados.

Thank you again for the opportunity to learn more about Optimism and to meet interest people who share a commitment to Optimism.

Annabelle & Jack LeBreton

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.

Wed Sept 21
Thurs. Oct. 20,
Sat. Nov 19,
Fri. Dec 16th


REMINDER RE WWW....

Don't forget to check out the **NEW** Ilderton Optimist Club on the web-site www.ilderton.optimistcanada.ca

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.

CONTACTS:

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