



# OPTIMIST CLUB OF ILBERTON NEWSLETTER

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



**Summer 2011**

## **SOCIAL DINNER: September 27<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:awood@mun.ca)) or Denise Everett ([denise.everett@sympatico.ca](mailto:denise.everett@sympatico.ca)) know that you will be bringing a guest.

This month the dinner is on a Tuesday, after this it will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. All executive meetings aim to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Ilderton Community Centre 6:30pm – Social 7:00pm – dinner 7:45pm - meeting and discussion	Please let Sharon Nelson know whether you plan to attend or not. e-mail: <a href="mailto:dave.nelson@sympatico.ca">dave.nelson@sympatico.ca</a> ; phone: 519-666-2508
--	---

### President's Message

Greetings as we conclude the Optimist Year 2010-2011 this month and prepare to start the new one of 2011-2012! I've enjoyed serving as your President and look forward to serving as the Lt. Governor of our Zone 8 beginning on Oct. 1. As of that date, we will welcome our new President Denise Everett and Secretary Kara Muller along with incoming Directors Cathy Cochrane, Rick Horton and Dan Muller, as well as our continuing Vice President Keith Cullion, Treasurer Todd Denny and Directors Brian Hanlon and Laurie Thornton. I'll continue on the Executive as Past President. We are all looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable year of creating or supporting events and activities of benefit to the youth of our community. We appreciate the efforts of our membership and look forward to welcoming new members throughout the year. Jean Coles became a member during the summer, we look forward to meeting her soon – welcome Jean. At the wrap up meeting for the Convention Committee held at the end of August, it was reported that Zone 8, our zone, had raised the most funds for the Convention through the Zone Shoe Challenge! As a result, we have \$200 to go towards the meal for the 1<sup>st</sup> Zone Meeting, to be held at Ilderton on October 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be used to offset the cost of each person's meal. Will look forward to a really good turnout of our members for that meeting!

### UPCOMING DATES

21 <sup>st</sup> September BINGO	19 <sup>th</sup> November – Masonville Booth
27 <sup>th</sup> September Dinner Meeting	19 <sup>th</sup> November - BINGO
27 <sup>th</sup> September – Children's Hospital	3 <sup>rd</sup> December Santa's Breakfast
6 <sup>th</sup> October at 7:00 Mother Teresa award	3 <sup>rd</sup> December Christmas Party
20 <sup>th</sup> October BINGO	8 <sup>th</sup> December – Masonville Booth
26 <sup>th</sup> October Zone Meeting	16 <sup>th</sup> December - BINGO

## DINNER MEETING REPORT: (June)

Our social BBQ in June at the Polley's was a delightful evening, where we all got some good food and time to chat and meet partners.

## FROM THE EXEC MEETING (Sept 2011 )

Discussion and proposal of bingo budget for 2011/2012 – a little tricky as bingo funds are still declining. Once again discussion on dues -Full membership is now \$90, however we subsidise our members from fundraising. This needs to be reviewed with all members.

Way back, our club donated \$20,000 toward building at the Children's Hospital. Well, finally it is at completion, and we have been invited to attend. Marlene will represent us.

The sign at Junction Park needs repairing/replacing – we will find out cost for this.

It was agreed amongst the executive to purchase safety vests for our members to wear for events such as Highway Cleanup, Flags and parade. These will be purchased as soon as possible with the hope to get them in time for the parade.

## UPCOMING EVENTS / DISCUSSIONS

### MOTHER TERESA AWARD

This year's recipient is Teresa Park of Ilderton. She graduated in June after 4 years of being in the Principal's Honour Roll (over 80 in every subject) and being recognized as a Student With Distinction (over 90 in every subject) She had 147.5 volunteer hours with service to LHSC, St. Michael's Parish, London Aquatic Centre, Elementary Track & Field Meet, Peer Support at MTS plus. The ceremony is on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. Keith Cullion will be presenting the award on our behalf. Please contact Keith if you would like to join him.

ILDERTON FAIR PARADE -Work is underway, the design is complete and the building will commence at 31 Oakmont Gdns on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> in the evenings. If you want to come and help, please just show up. We **WILL** need more volunteers at the parade to hand out candy and a volunteer with vehicle to pull the wagon.

ILDERTON FAIR BOOTH -In order to sell our cash calendars and promote the Optimist Club we have a booth at the fair and will be needing volunteers to staff this throughout the fair. Please let Denise Everett know if you are able to help.

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](mailto: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.

ZONE MEETING – the next zone meeting will be on Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> , our normal dinner meeting time. This means will have members from other clubs attending and as Lt. Governor, Alberta will be running this meeting. The offices and executive will be sworn in and new members inducted.

## CASH CALENDARS

We have 999 of these to sell; we will be selling them at the fair and Santa's breakfast. We have also booked two days at Masonville Mall at the charity booth near the food court on Nov 19th & Dec 8<sup>th</sup> (10:00 AM to 9:00PM). We will need volunteers for this too. Signup sheet will be available on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, if you are not attending but can help please let Brian or Denise know.

## UPDATES ON PAST EVENTS

The Canadian Flags were taken down on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Thank-you Bruce and all the members who helped out.

Training – as well as training at the convention meetings, Kara, Denise and Alberta attended the president/secretary training on Thursday Sept 8 @ 7pm in St Thomas.

Fair Prize Book – our celebrating 20 years of the Optimist Club of Ilderton can be found on page 75.

Summer Reading Program – a report of the program will be given at the dinner meeting in September. Our club donated \$250 to the library for the reading program.



The Ilderton Optimist Club sponsored a contestant (Laura Holbrough) for the Ilderton Fair Ambassador Competition Ilderton this was held on Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Ilderton community centre. Congratulations to the 2011 Ilderton Fair Ambassador Sydra Stoner. Congratulations to Princess Lauren and Prince Colin.

## SWONT Optimist Convention Report




The August 11 to 13<sup>th</sup> annual convention was attended by 5 of our members (Alberta and Cliff Wood, Annabelle and Jack LeBreton, and Denise Everett). In addition, Denise's husband, Tim, and their 3 kids attended. There were some advance preparations on Thursday night, with all 5 members involved in registering attendees from an early hour on Friday morning onwards. It was quite busy which made it very useful to have 5 of us! Attendance was quite a bit higher than expected with 109 registrants. After the opening ceremonies on Friday morning, the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board meeting was held followed by a buffet luncheon in sunshine on the hotel patio. The afternoon was comprised of 8 training workshops for incoming officers or on special topics (Childhood Cancer Campaign, Marketing & PR, NOW – New Optimists Wanted, Conductive Education, Membership Retention, and Personal Growth & Involvement). For spouses and guests, there was an all-day tour to visit sites of interest, particularly in our zone (Ice Culture, Hayter's Turkey Farm, Ferguson's Apiary, for example). For the children, there was a special youth program that proved to be very successful. On Friday evening dinner and a magic show by a very entertaining young magician, Daniel Steep, who was from Clinton, kept everyone laughing. Members of the Convention Committee introduced some mayhem to the evening following him! On Saturday morning, the Old Timers Breakfast from 7 to 9 am featured not only a hearty breakfast, but also a lot of hilarity from past governors and other dignitaries dressed up in costumes and a comedy hypnotist, Robert Maxwell. The District Convention Meeting, conducting business, was held after that until the Awards Luncheon. There were additional training workshops for incoming officers in the afternoon as well as more youth activities. All day Friday and on Saturday morning there were opportunities to buy tickets on the various fund-raising raffles in the House of Optimism with the draws being held just before lunch on Saturday. To conclude the convention, there was a Governor's Ball on Saturday evening, which included the induction of incoming District officers and a dance. Some additional photos may be seen on Snapfish at:

[http://www5.snapfish.com/snapfish/thumbnaillshare/AlbumID=7240657008/a=28751479\\_28751479/otsc=SHR/otsi=SALBlink/COBRAND\\_NAME=snapfish/](http://www5.snapfish.com/snapfish/thumbnaillshare/AlbumID=7240657008/a=28751479_28751479/otsc=SHR/otsi=SALBlink/COBRAND_NAME=snapfish/)

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:optimists@ilderton.ca).



**CONTACTS:**

<p><b>Ilderton Club Officers:</b></p> <p>President – Alberta Wood (519-666-3282)                  Vice President – Keith Cullion (519-666-0951)                  Secretary – Denise Everett (519-666-0841)                  Treasurer – Todd Denny (519-666-3595)                  Past President – Marlene Ritchie (519-474-2828)</p>	<p><b>Ilderton Directors:</b></p> <p>Brian Hanlon (519-666-2130)                  Barb MacDougall (519-646-2196)                  Laurie Thornton (519-666-1818)                  Brad Polley (519-666-2467)                  Michele Polley (519-666-2467)                  Janet Smith (519-227-1618)</p>
	<p><b>Southwestern Ontario Optimists (SWONT)</b></p> <p>Governor – Gordon Brownlee                  Governor-Elect – Bruce Cox                  Secretary Treasurer - John Ewanick                  Lieutenant Governor Zone 8 - Janet Waite                  Past Governor - Marty Quenneville</p>
<p><b>OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL</b></p> <p>President - Danny Rodgers                  President Elect – John "Jack" Creswell                  Immediate Past President - Mark Shriver</p>	

*Denise Everett*  
 Ilderton Optimist Secretary – 519 666 0841