

Optimist Club of



Komoka-Kilworth

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P.O. Box 76, Komoka ON, N0L 1R0

"Helping Youth in the Community"

Southwestern Ontario Zone 7

January, 2012



Seasons Greetings to all of our members and their families! We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Years.

I would like to apologize for missing the December issue. I simply could not find the time to get one published prior to Christmas, and I will try to do better. Let's call it my New Year's resolution!

First, we send out a huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to Optimists Sean Sutton and Jennifer Buchanan on the birth of their first child! That's him smiling in the picture below.



His name is Owen Daniel Sutton, and he was born on November 25th weighing 8lbs 1oz. From all of your fellow Optimists, **Congratulations!**

In other news, the annual **Turkey Bingo** was held on November 27 at the Community Centre and we had 70 paid participants. Thank you to all of the volunteers and to Bob and Karen McCauley for supplying the turkeys.

Our club was asked to BBQ at the **Grand Opening** of the **Komoka Wellness Centre** on December 3rd. The turnout was great and it was a good

opportunity for our club to work along side the township. Thanks to all that helped!

Breakfast With Santa has certainly turned into a major event for our club. On December 4th we welcomed 630 guests for breakfast at the Komoka Community Centre! Santa was there along with his elves and Mrs. Claus to greet all of the children.

Each child could enjoy breakfast, do a craft and take home a gift and a photo of themselves taken with Santa, all at no cost to the parents. By the end of the event Santa was worn out having greeted 315 children!

We had 50 volunteers helping with this wonderful event, and many nice compliments were received from families who attended.

This event is a great way for our club to (cont'd)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Jan. 3 Business Meeting** KCC starting at 7:30pm
- **Jan. 17 Dinner Meeting** KCC, Club Social at 7:00, Dinner at 7:30
- **Jan. 20 Lucky Days Bingo** Contact Joc if able to assist
- **Feb. 17/18 Quarter Board** Second Quarter Board in point Edward
- **Feb. 22 Lucky Days Bingo** Contact Joc if able to assist
- **Mar. 22 Spelling Bee** Parkview School, 9:00am
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- **Apr. 5 Spelling Bee Zone** Parkview School Gym

Birthday Greetings

Blair G.	Jan. 22
Pud G.	Jan. 26
John C.	Feb. 1
Joc. G	Feb. 4
Sterling F.	Feb. 4
Jean G	Feb. 6

Anniversaries

Larry & Doreen B.	Jan. 18
David & Carolyn O.	Jan. 19

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(cont'd) showcase itself as an asset to the community. **Thank you** to all who helped out.

Later that day our club members and their families enjoyed the annual **Family Social**. A total of 37 people attended. Thanks to Joc for calling the Bingo and to Doreen and Anne for preparing the meal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope to see everyone out at the next **Business Meeting** (Jan. 3 at 7:30pm) and **Dinner Meeting** (Jan. 17, social at 7:00 and dinner at 7:30pm) both at the Komoka Community Centre.

OTHER NEWS

Interested in **ice skating**? The rink in Kilworth has been set up and we are anxiously waiting for the weather to turn cold. Winter is coming! You can also consider public skating at the **Komoka Wellness Centre**. Dates and times have been posted on our club's web site. Remember your helmet!

The Southwestern Ontario District is proud to announce that the **Ambassador Optimist Club of Windsor** was recently chartered. This club meets on the campus of the University of Windsor. Welcome!

Membership Dues

If you have not paid your membership dues please consider doing so by the end of January. If you have any questions please call Berkely at 519-474-6320 or send him an e-mail at berkelybender@gmail.com



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LONG RANGE CALENDAR

- Second Quarter Board, February 17 & 18, in Point Edward
- Third Quarter Board, April 27 & 28, in London
- Fleetwood Country Cruize-In, June 1 to 3
- Optimist International Convention, July 12 to 14 in Milwaukee WI
- SWONT District Convention, August 23 to 25 in Wallaceburg
- Oktoberfest in Komoka, October 20, 2012



SWONT DISTRICT OFFICERS

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