

March 2010
OPTIMIST CLUB OF
KOMOKA-KILWORTH
Southwestern Ontario Zone 7

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Hi all,

I've noticed some sure signs of spring – the 'snowbirds' are starting to return and in our house the word barbeque seems to be heard a lot.

I encourage everyone to join us for our March dinner meeting at:

McLachlan's Pancake House

10279 Lamont Dr R.R.4 Komoka

On Tuesday the 23rd Social is at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00.

At this meeting we host the other Clubs in our Zone (7) – Mt. Brydges , Strathroy, Watford , Kerwood-Adelaide-Metcalf and Alvinston. Come and meet some of our fellow Optimists and find out what their Clubs are doing.

Meet our District Governor Marty Quenneville from the St. Thomas Club.

Wear your name badge, and greet everyone lest you miss the secret hand shaker, it could cost you 25c during the fines session!

The pancake house is full of antique tools. If you want to know what any of them were used for ask Larry, he's used them all.

Cost of dinner will be \$12.00 and I ask the callers to please have your numbers to me by Thursday the 18th so we can let Kathy know how many sausages to buy.

More food for thought – we will need a person to chair the Bike Rodeo that is usually held in May, and we will also have 3 Director & a 2nd Vice President positions to fill by May. If you would like information on what is involved in holding any of these positions give me a call 657-2874 or email

larrybalderston@rogers.com

See you on the 23rd.

Yours in Optimism,

Pres.Doreen

Upcoming Events:

March 23, 2010 **Dinner/Zone Meeting** – McLachlan's Pancake House
Social 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Dinner \$12.00 p.p.

March 31, 2010 **Zone Spelling Bee** – Watford Optimist Hall

April 6, 2010 **General/Directors Meeting**-open to all members
Komoka Community Centre 7:30 P.M.

Bingo Dates: Apr.19, May 15, June 14, July 23, Aug 1 & Sept 13

Committee Reports:

Quarterboard Meeting and District News – Thank you received from Optimist International for our \$150.00 per member donation. We received 3 patches. Receiving recognition for being in the Honour Club are our Secretary, Doreen, Treasurer Berkley and past president Garvin. Southwest and Midwest Optimist Clubs have raised \$1,000,000.00 for The Children's Hospital of which \$10,000.00 was raised by our club.

Spelling Bee – Rumour has it, this event was a HUGE success. Thank you to Optimist Leela and those who assisted.

Tri-Star Basketball – Unfortunately, the response was not as favourable as we anticipated, however those attending enjoyed the event. Plans are underway to repeat this event at a later date.

Longwoods Battle of 1812 – May 1 & 2, 2010 – if you can assist, please notify Optimist Larry.

Country Cruize-In – June 4 & 5 – Steve reports plans are well underway. Activities include a dance under the tent Friday night as well as a drive in theatre showing American Graffiti, with a possibility of pizza being served by Byron Pizza On Saturday 6 actors from American Graffiti reunion at the car show, and building a Mel's diner for this. For the first time a beer tent will be available during the day. There will be no air show this year. Saturday night will feature Johnny Maestro and Lou Christie. There will be a sit down dinner with Bingemans catering. Last year this event raised \$305,000 for 26 different charities.



To Jean Tucker on being chosen as our '2009 Citizen of the Year.'



2009-2010 Optimist Membership dues:

Just a reminder, outstanding dues are appreciated. Thank you.
Berkley Bender 519-474-6320 or kkoptimists@gmail.com.



New member, Terry Power.

Birthday Greetings:

Mar. 8 Vicki Pike
Mar. 15 Anne Kinchen
Mar. 22 Linda Gabriel
Mar. 29 MaryJo Sullivan
Apr. 13 Paul Myelmans
Apr. 21 Garvin Burt
Apr. 28 Lorna Romaine

Anniversary Greetings:

Mar. 1 Linda & Joc Gabriel
Mar. 19 Fay & Eugene Hathaway
Apr. 10 Sandra (Davies) & Don Ellis
Apr. 29 Marie & Garvin Burt

If we missed your special date, please accept our Congratulations!

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