

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

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Presidents Message,

It is the time of year we have some decisions to make as a Club:
Our Club Officer Election report is due by May 20th. We are so fortunate to have some great fundraising opportunities so need an executive that will direct that funding to the best use for the youth in the community. Elections will be held at the May 18th dinner meeting. Give accepting one of these positions some thought and be ready to accept when you are nominated.

The other decision we have to make is how much we are committing to the New Wellness Centre and how we want to fund that commitment. You have received information on some options for that decision. Please review the information carefully and come out to the May 18th dinner meeting to vote for what you see as the best option.

Thanks to all of our members who helped with the bbq May 1 & 2 at Longwood's. We had the most successful weekend we have ever had at this event. Seventy plus breakfasts were served both mornings. Eggs were added to the menu thanks to a donation of thirty dozen by the Middlesex Egg Marketing Board & of course Berkley and Antia did a stellar job of cooking them!! Also, the new griddle worked really well for cooking the onions and back bacon.

There are many events coming up - Parkview bike rodeo, Country Cruize-in barbeque, Community Golf, Junior Golf etc. Please support the Chairpersons of these events by helping out.

And remember, the May 18th dinner meeting is also the meeting where we honor the **Optimist of the Year** recipient. Come out and see who the last 4 years recipients have chosen to be honored this year.

See you on the 18th,
Doreen

Upcoming Events:

- May 18/10** **Dinner/Zone Meeting** – Komoka Community Centre
Social 7:00 PM Dinner 7:30 PM
- Annual BBQ – Presentation of the ‘Optimist of the Year’ award and
introduction of New Executive
- May 14 & 15/10** **3rd Quarterboard Meeting** – Stoneridge Inn – St. Thomas
Oratorical Finals
- May 27/10** **Bike Rodeo** – Parkview School – 9:30 A.M.– Prime Optimist
Doug - contact Doug if you can assist
- June 1/10** **General/Directors Meeting** - open to all members
Komoka Community Centre 7:30 P.M.
- June 4 & 5/10** **Country Cruize-In** – contact Optimist Doug if you can assist
- June 19/10** **Kilworth Yard Sale** – Prime Carolynn Off
- July 1/10** **Canada Day Celebrations** – Delaware – Prime Optimist Garvin
- July 5/10** **Junior Golf** – Prime Paul Myelmans
- July 10/10** **Community Golf** – Prime Optimist Tom – more details to follow
- Bingo Dates:** May 15, June 14, July 23, Aug 1 & Sept 13

Committee Reports:

Longwoods Battle of 1812 – Great response from the Reanactors

Country Cruize-In – June 4 & 5/10 – Please contact Optimist Doug if you can assist.

Kilworth Garage Sale – Saturday June 19/10 – prime Carolynn Off

Birthday Greetings:

May 21 Doug Kinchen
May 25 Ron Watson
June 2 Doreen Balderston
June 13 Pat Coenen

Anniversary Greetings:

May 16 Anne & Paul Miniely
June 6 Barb & Paul Myelmans

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June 20 Larry Balderston

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

Other Community Events

Knox Presbyterian Church – Chicken BBQ – Sunday May 30/10
Komoka Community Centre – Dinner 5:00 P.M.

Tickets available from Mildred Greig – 519 – 471-6147

Adults - \$14.00
Children age 6-12 yrs - \$6.00
Children 5 & under – free

Musical entertainment following dinner

Camp Kee-Mo-Kee – 50th Anniversary Open House – Saturday, July 3/10



If anyone has any donations for the penny auctions for the O.I. Convention to be held in August, please get these items to Optimist Doreen or Doug by August 19th.

Executive 2009-2010

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OPTIONS: RE: CLUB COMMITMENT TO THE NEW WELLNESS CENTRE/ARENA

Due to lack of time to schedule an additional Directors meeting & the importance of the following decision, which will need the support of all members I have decided to open the vote for funding of the new Wellness Centre to the general membership.

After reviewing the past years financial data & being Optimistic about our future fundraising the feeling is we can make a sizeable donation to the Centre and still proceed with other youth projects in the Community ie. shade at the Kilworth Splash Pad, shade for the basketball court at Woodeden and a splash pad for Komoka.

The following are three options:

- \$50,000 commitment
- \$35,000 commitment with the option of another \$15,000 should there be a funding shortfall
- \$25,000 to the Wellness Centre & \$25,000 for renovations at the existing Community Centre.

All of these options would be amortized over 5 years.

Greg Lewis has suggested a couple of options re how we finance our commitment:

Option A:

Commit \$25,000 from the savings account (\$5,000 per year) and another \$25,000 from our operating budget (\$5,000 per year) for a total of \$50,000 over 5 years. If this puts a strain on our annual operating budget during this 5 year period (ie.no more car show) we would be able to draw moré from the savings account to cover our total commitment.

Option B: Commit the entire \$50,000 from our savings account (\$10,000 per year for 5 years). This option will allow the club to continue funding other community projects during the 5 year period.

I am definitely open to other options but feel that this gives us a starting point. We will vote on the options at the May 18th dinner meeting, so **please plan to attend. It' is the biggest decision we have had to make in some time and we need YOU!**

