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A Message From The Pen Of Our President Kevin Jung

Dear Fellow Optimists,

Christmas is just around the bend, time flies and as Optimists we have all been busy preparing for it. Tracy Kingston and Mary Lou Abrams lead Santa's helpers in organizing the Corunna Santa Claus Parade. Each year it is getting stronger and I hope you all enjoyed the parade with your kids and grandchildren.

Thanks to Jill Phalen and her team for making the Pumpkinfest a success once again. It was a great day for both the kids and young at heart.

Great big thanks to Ron for once again organizing a successful Operation Christmas Tree Program. All the little elves work hard to provide food and toys for the needy families helping to make their Christmas much brighter. Thanks again Ron, to you and your elves for your dedication and commitment to this program.

Our Christmas Dinner meeting will be on December 14th at the Corunna Legion. Thank you Don Smith and Gord Dawson for organizing this event. Rumor has it that we will enjoy the entertainment once again.

The New Year will be upon us very soon and we will once again be busy organizing the fun stuff that we do for the kids. January, February and March is always a busy time for Optimists who are organizing the

Spelling Bees, Oratorical and Youth Appreciation Activities. Please do not wait for a phone call from the chairs call them and offer your assistance. More on this in upcoming newsletters.

Fundraising for the Splash Pad is nearly complete. Yearly payments to the Township of St. Clair have been arranged. Check out the web site for a view of the pad at www.splash.corunna.ca.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and those of you who participate in Christmas Cheer remember to leave those keys in a safe place and have someone else do the driving. We want to see you all in good health and happy Optimists at the January meeting.

Yours In Optimism

President Kevin



Peace  *On Earth*

Check the SWONT web site

<http://www.swontoptimist.org/>

For more area Optimist news and information

DECEMBER 2009 EVENTS

5th – Happy Birthday – Larry Heath
8th – CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING – Corunna Legion
 12th – Happy Birthday – Gillian Ewing
 16th – Happy Birthday – June Maginn & Lisa Melanson
 18th – Happy Anniversary – Bill & Joan Green
20th – Operation Christmas Tree hamper delivery
25th – MERRY CHISTMAS

JANUARY 2010 EVENTS

1st – **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
 6th – Happy Birthday – Deb Vannieuwenhuyze
 10th – Happy Birthday – Sue Sherred
11th – Monthly dinner meeting.
 13th – Happy Birthday – Frank Spizzirri
 14th – Happy Anniversary – Peter & Willy Grunté
 14th – Happy Birthday – Jim Neal
25th – Monthly Board Meeting



SWONT 2009 – 2010 Logo

Optimist Canada web site

<http://optimistcanada.org/index.php?lang=english>

Take a look at this site. It is uniquely Canadian.

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
 To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.
 To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
 To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
 To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
 To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
 To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
 To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
 To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
 To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too

happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Purpose of The Optimist Club

- To develop Optimism as a philosophy of life
- To promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs
- To inspire respect for law
- To promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people
- To aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well being of man, his community, and world.

BINGO DATES



Wed. Dec. 3rd @ 7:00 pm

Mon. Dec. 7th @ 1:30 pm
 Sun. Dec. 27/09 @ 1:30 pm
 Sun. Jan 30/10 @ 1:30 pm
 Wed. Feb. 3/10 @ 7:00 pm
 Thurs. Feb25/10 @ 10:00 pm

LAST Dinner Meeting

The November dinner meeting was held at the Silverdome in Courtright. Once again Bluewater Foodland Catering served up a great meal which featured chicken and pasta with all the trimmings and was thoroughly enjoyed by the 26 members and guests present.

The Club Officer induction was conducted by Zone 6 Lt. Gov. Ted Gravelle.

Club members present were brought up to date on the latest on the financing of the Splash Pad for Corunna by Club Treasurer Lorne Powell.

Optimist Jill Phalen and her crew of helpers were complimented on the 2009 Pumpkinfest which approximately 100 kids attended.

CORUNNA

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Chair Tracy Kingston and her committee of volunteers need to be complimented on another successful Santa Parade. Each year the parade gets better. If you have any ideas on how to make more improvements please contact Tracy or any one of the committee members.



Please keep your
POP TABS FOR KIDS

http://www.geocities.com/tabs_4_kids_wheels/

THIS MONTH'S CHUCKLES

THE GIFT

Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."

"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"

"Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night."

ATHEIST HOLIDAY

An atheist complained to a Christian friend, "You Christians have your special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter. Jews celebrate their national holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur. But we atheists have no recognized national holidays. It's unfair discrimination."

His friend replied, "Why don't you celebrate April first?"

THE CHRISTMAS FLIGHT

It was a few days before Christmas. The trip went reasonably well, and he was

ready to go back home. The airport on the other end had turned a tacky red and green, and loudspeakers blared annoying elevator renditions of cherished Christmas carols.

Being someone who took Christmas very seriously, and being slightly tired, he was not in a particularly good mood. (Almost a scrooge) Going to check in his luggage (which, for some reason, had become one suitcase with entirely new clothes), he saw hanging mistletoe. Not real mistletoe, but very cheap plastic with red paint on some of the rounder parts and green paint on some of the flatter and pointer parts, that could be taken for mistletoe only in a very Picasso sort of way.

With a considerable degree of irritation and nowhere else to vent it, he said to the attendant, "Even if we were married, I would not want to kiss you under such a ghastly mockery of mistletoe."

"Sir, look more closely at where the mistletoe is."

"Ok, I see that it's above the luggage scale which is the place you'd have to step forward for a kiss."

"That's not why it's there."

"Ok, I give up. Why is it there?"

"It's there so you can kiss your luggage good-bye."

THREE WISE WOMEN

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

THE LOST PURSE

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills."

The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."



91st Optimist International Convention

July 8-10, 2010
Denver
Colorado

SWONT QUARTER BOARDS

Second Quarter Board Meeting
Feb. 5 - 6, 2010.
Oaks Inn Wallaceburg

Third Quarter Board Meeting
May 14 - 15, 2010.
Best Western Stoneridge Inn - London

SWONT Convention
Aug. 13 - 15, 2010.
Pelee Days Inn - Leamington



"The Red Ribbon Campaign is a tribute to those who have been killed or injured in impaired driving crashes. Attach the red ribbon to your key chain or fasten to your vehicle antenna to serve as a constant message to people on the roads to drive safe and sober over the holiday season."

A Politically Correct Christmas Story

'Twas the night before Christmas and
Santa's a wreck...
How to live in a world that's politically
correct?
His workers no longer would answer to
"Elves".
"Vertically Challenged" they were
calling themselves.
And labour conditions at the North Pole
were alleged by the union to stifle the
soul.
Four reindeer had vanished, without
much propriety,
Released to the wilds by the Humane
Society.
And equal employment had made it quite
clear
That Santa had better not use just
reindeer.
So Dancer and Donner, Comet and
Cupid
Were replaced with 4 pigs, and you
know that looked stupid!
The runners had been removed from his
sleigh;
The ruts were termed dangerous by the
E.P.A.
And people had started to call for the
cops
When they heard sled noises on their
rooftops.
Second-hand smoke from his pipe had
his workers quite frightened.
His fur trimmed red suit was called
"Unenlightened."
And to show you the strangeness of life's
ebbs and flows,
Rudolf was suing over unauthorised use
of his nose

And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the
nation,
Demanding millions in over-due
compensation.
So, half of the reindeer were gone; and
his wife,
Who suddenly said she'd enough of this
life,
Joined a self-help group, packed, and left
in a whiz,
Demanding from now on her title was
Ms.
And as for the gifts, why, he'd never had
a notion
That making a choice could cause so
much commotion.
Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,
Which meant nothing for him. And
nothing for her.
Nothing that might be construed to
pollute.
Nothing to aim, Nothing to shoot.
Nothing that clamoured or made lots of
noise.
Nothing for just girls, or just for the boys.
Nothing that claimed to be gender
specific.
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacifistic.
No candy or sweets...they were bad for
the tooth.
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.
And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,
Were like Ken and Barbie, better off
hidden.
For they raised the hackles of those
psychological
Who claimed the only good gift was one
ecological.

No baseball, no football...someone could
get hurt;
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to
dirt.
Dolls were said to be sexist, and should
be passe;
And Nintendo would rot your entire
brain away.
So Santa just stood there, dishevelled,
perplexed;
He just could not figure out what to do
next.
He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
But you've got to be careful with that
word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the
ground;
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.
Something special was needed, a gift
that he might
Give to all without angering the left or
the right.
A gift that would satisfy, with no
indecision,
Each group of people, every religion;
Every ethnicity, every hue,
Everyone, everywhere...even you.
So here is that gift, it's price beyond
worth...
May you and your loved ones, enjoy
peace on Earth.

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