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## A Message From The Pen Of Our President Kevin Jung

Dear Fellow Optimists,

The New Year is upon us and we are once again busy organizing the fun stuff that we do for the kids. January, February and March is always a busy time for Optimists organizing the Spelling Bee, Oratorical, Easter in the Park, Youth Appreciation and Respect for Law programs. Please contact the Committee Chairs to offer your support.

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](http://www.splash.corunna.ca).

Yours In Optimism

*President Kevin*

Check the SWONT web site

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

For more area Optimist news and information



SWONT  
2009 - 2010 Logo

**February 2010 EVENTS**

1<sup>st</sup> – Happy Birthday – Kevin Jung  
 8<sup>th</sup> – **Monthly dinner meeting.**  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Happy Anniversary – Peter & Anne Gilliland  
 22<sup>th</sup> – **Monthly Board Meeting**  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – Happy Birthday Nina Strickland

**March 2010 EVENTS**

8<sup>th</sup> – **Monthly dinner meeting.**  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Happy Birthday Isla Skreptak  
 22<sup>th</sup> – **Monthly Board Meeting**  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – Happy Birthday Dan Van Nice

Optimist Canada web site  
<http://optimistcanada.org/index.php?lang=english>  
 Take a look at this site. It is uniquely Canadian.

Please keep your  
 POP TABS FOR KIDS  
[http://www.geocities.com/tabs\\_4\\_kids\\_wheels/](http://www.geocities.com/tabs_4_kids_wheels/)

**Cash Calendars**

The Moore Optimist Cash Calendar draws started on January 1 (Christmas Bonus draw was December 25). Check the website to see if you have a winning Calendar!



**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. Feb. 3/10 @ 7:00 pm  
 Thurs. Feb25/10 @ 10:00 pm  
 Tues. March 9th @ 1:30 PM  
 Sat. March 27th @ 11:30 AM  
 Tues. April 13th @ 11:30 AM  
 Tues. April 27th @ 11:30 AM

**LAST Dinner Meeting**

The December dinner meeting was held at Antonio's in Corunna. Optimist member and restaurateur Frank Spizziri served the club a spicy half chicken that was tasty and HUGE. The meeting was well-attended and we had two speakers at dinner  
 Marci Palframan gave the members an overview of the area Junior Achievement Program that operates in Lambton, Chatham-Kent and Windsor-Essex counties. There are several divisions in the program that start with basic money management for junior elementary students through to marketing and management in high school. The program needs volunteers to present easily-managed information sessions to students. To volunteer, contact Marci at 519.336.1484, [mpalframan@jaswont.org](mailto:mpalframan@jaswont.org).  
 Katerina Gagne introduced the club to a community policing initiative that will replace the defunct Neighborhood Watch program. Harmony Haven will, with the community's help, provide safe haven houses throughout the community where children in distress can find safe shelter until they can be taken home. Watch community bulletin boards for further developments and opportunities to help.

The next dinner meeting will be held at another Corunna location. The Courtright Community Hall is well on the way to being repaired and should be ready by mid-February.

## Zone Meeting Highlights

The Second Zone 6 meeting was hosted by the Brigden Optimist Club. Moore Club had a good turnout with six members in attendance.

Lt. Governor Ted Gravelle encouraged the Zone 6 Clubs to become more active in developing and running youth programs and events, and to avoid just writing cheques to support the efforts of others. It helps our visibility in the community to get out there and interact with the area youth. He also said that all the clubs had programs of this sort, but that we could do more.

Most of the clubs report a stable membership and are running events in the next few months.

*Petrolia-Lambton Central* will host a Trivia Night at the Petrolia Legion on February 20 at 7:30PM. Contact President Carol Watt, 519.882.0732, to reserve a spot for you and your team. Light refreshments will be served. Petrolia is selling raffle tickets on a chance to win a Grocery Run prize at the Independent Grocer store in Petrolia. See club members for tickets.

*Oil Springs* is having a spaghetti dinner in February. The club will participate in an antique tractor show this summer. They are planning a Fun Night for the Zone for sometime in March. Contact President Mike Callaghan, 519 834-2909, for details.

*Sombra-Sombra Township* will replace their Motorcycle Draw with a cash draw at the Gala Days event. Top prize is expected to be \$10 thousand. President Cathi Urquhart, 519.667.1668, reported that the club will re-introduce their annual Fish Fry to the club events. Contact Cathi for details.

*Wallaceburg* is successfully rebuilding their club and intend to run a VIP program in their area this year.

## January Moore Board Meeting Highlights

*The Moore Optimist Bonspiel* at Petrolia's Heritage Heights had a very good turn-out; all sheets were full for both draws. The 'spiel cost the club about \$200, and Optimist Lloyd will re-align entry fees with the other area events. Ice rental was significantly more expensive this year.

*Splashpad* financing is in place and on schedule. There was concern expressed for the integrity of the pad with ATV's and snowmobiles racing around the CAP.

It was pointed out that this was illegal activity, and should be dealt with by the police.

*Silver Stick* – President Kevin represented the Moore Optimists at the awards ceremony.

*Operation Christmas Tree* - chairmanship has been officially handed over to Optimist Fred Strickland. Let's continue to support this very important program. This past Operation provided 102 hampers to 160 adults and 125 children, and brought a bit of Christmas cheer into the lives of some of those less fortunate than most.

## **THIS MONTH'S CHUCKLES**

### **A Food Valentine**

Cabbage always has a heart;  
Green beans string along.  
You're such a Tomato,  
Will you Peas to me belong?

You've been the Apple of my eye,  
You know how much I care;  
So Lettuce get together,  
We'd make a perfect Pear.

Now, something's sure to Turnip,  
To prove you can't be Beet;  
So, if you Carrot all for me  
Let's let our tulips meet.

Don't Squash my hopes and dreams now,  
Bee my Honey, dear;  
Or tears will fill Potato's eyes,  
While Sweet Corn lends an ear.

I'll Cauliflower shop and say  
Your dreams are Parsley mine.  
I'll work and share my Celery,  
So be my valentine.

A guy walks into a post office one day to see a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. He then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying scent all over them. His curiosity getting the better of him, he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing. The man says, "I'm sending out one thousand Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'" "But why?" asks the man. "I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replies

## **Economist Valentines**


*Top economist Valentine's Day cards*  
4. You raise my interest rate thirty basis points without a corresponding dropoff in consumer enthusiasm.  
3. Let's raise housing starts together.  
2. You stoke the animal spirits of my market.  
1. Despite your decade of inflation, I still love you

## **QUOTES**

I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon. ~**Author Unknown**

I claim there ain't  
Another Saint  
As great as Valentine.  
~**Ogden Nash**

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity. ~**Henry Van Dyke**



**Rocky Mountain High  
Denver 2010**

**91st Optimist  
International  
Convention**  
July 8-10, 2010  
Denver  
Colorado

**SWONT  
QUARTER BOARDS**

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

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

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

## Dinner Meetings Notice

Dinner Meetings are occasions when the Club Membership gets together to enjoy a tasty meal, listen to informative and entertaining speakers, get updates on Club activities and take part in Club Fellowship.

To organize a dinner and make sure everything runs smoothly requires careful planning. An accurate count of expected dinner guests is key to the success of the dinner. The Phone Committee is responsible for reporting this number to the President.

Members that accept and do not show up cost the club the price of the meal. If they decline and attend anyway, they may cause considerable disruption to the meeting set-up and food service.

✚ Please reply to your voicemail!

✚ Please contact the Phone Committee Chair or the President if your plans have changed and you are unable to attend, or that you will attend (24 hours notice minimum).

## Aren't Kids Special

A mother took her 3-year-old daughter to church for the first time. The church lights were lowered, and then the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started to sing in a loud voice, "Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you..."

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children fell to discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

A child came home from Sunday School and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took his mother a while before she realized that the hymn was really "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear."

Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Ms. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly, the Sunday School teacher said, "Bobby, when I was a child, I was told if that I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that." Bobby looked up and replied, "Well, Ms Smith, that explains what happen to you."

A Year 5 teacher was giving her Primary pupils a lesson in developing logical thinking.

'This is the scene', said the teacher.

'A man is standing up in a boat in the middle of a river, fishing. He loses his balance, falls in, and begins splashing and yelling for help.

His wife hears the commotion, knows he can't swim, and runs down to the bank. Why do you think she ran to the bank?'

A little girl raised her hand and asked, "To draw out all his savings?'

A convict escaped from prison by digging a tunnel. It came up outside the prison in a school playground. The convict was so happy when he emerged from the tunnel he exclaimed,

"I'm free, I'm free!"

"So what," said a little girl. "I'm four."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

## Kids' Advice

"Never trust a dog to watch your food." *Patrick, age 10*

"When your dad is mad and asks you, 'Do I look stupid?' don't answer." *Hannah, 9*

Never tell your mum her diet's not working." *Michael, 14*

"When your mum is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair". *Taylia, 10*

"Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a Tic-Tac." *Andrew, 9*

"Never hold a vacuum and a cat at the same time." *Kyoyo, 9*

"You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk." *Armir, 9*

"Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts." *Kellie, 11*

"If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse." *Naomi, 15*

"Felt markers are not good to use as lipstick." *Lauren, 9*

"Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat." *Joel, 10*

"When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mum when she's on the phone." *Alysha, 13*

"Never try to baptize a cat." *Eileen, 8*

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