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A Message From The Pen Of Our President Kevin Jung

Dear Fellow Optimists,

Spring is around the corner 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.

Club elections are coming up in April and if you want to step up to serve on the Board of Directors, contact Fred Strickland, Ken Abrams or Steve Inglis. Members get more out of their membership by helping it operate.

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**

March, 2010 EVENTS

8th – Monthly dinner meeting.
11th – Happy Birthday **Isla Skreptak**
13th – Happy Birthday **Paul Mills**
22th – Monthly Board Meeting
23rd – Happy Birthday **Dan Van Nice**

April, 2010 EVENTS

1st – Happy Birthday **Gord Dawson**
1st – Happy Birthday **Tracy Kingston**
12th – Monthly dinner meeting.
10th – Happy Birthday **Ron Skreptak**
10th – Happy Birthday **Roy Juschka**
15th – Happy Birthday **Lou Dewinter**
15th – Happy Birthday **Dorothy Inglis**
16th – Happy Birthday **Pete Gilliland**
21st – Happy Anniversary, **Sue and Glenn Sherred**
26th – Monthly Board Meeting
29th – Happy Anniversary, **Julie and Dave Murray**

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/

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



Sat. March 27th @ 11:30 AM

Tues. April 13th @ 11:30 AM

Tues. April 27th @ 11:30 AM

LAST Dinner Meeting

The February Dinner Meeting was held at the Golden Palace Restaurant in Corunna. There was a great turnout of 28 members for a fine meal.

Anna Israel was the guest speaker from the Lambton County Community Health Services. Anna gave us an informative talk on the H1N1 virus and its impact on our County. To date, the virus has been quiet in the area, but we're not out of the woods yet. Keep on practicing good hygiene, wash hands often and thoroughly, avoid crowds, sneeze and cough in your sleeve.

The next dinner meeting will be held at the Courtright Community Hall. Repairs are complete and the hall is back to business as usual. Thanks to all who helped tote Club materials to safety and back as the repairs were being performed.

February Club Events

Lloyd MacDonald wishes to thank all the folks who made the Moore Optimist Bonspiel in Petrolia a fun event.

Thanks go to Nina Strickland for getting in touch with the youth we serve by organizing an outstanding Youth Appreciation evening. Andy Thibodeau was the guest speaker and he really entertained the students while delivering a powerful message about caring and volunteering. Nina wishes to thank all the volunteers that helped in the kitchen and at the ceremonies.

February Moore Board Meeting Highlights

The annual Clean Harbors Community hazardous waste disposal day for the Club is April 24. We need 7 or 8 folks to volunteer for a day and make \$800 for the club's programs.

Notes of thanks from the SCITS Band, Huron Boy's Home, Girl Guides of Corunna and Courtright. These are just a few of the groups we support in our communities.

Club Elections – We have a slate of officers that is almost complete. The Board is lacking a Vice President and a 2-Year Director. If you are interested in serving your club by providing your services to the Board of Directors, call Fred, Steve or Ken.

Petrolia Trivia Night – There was an excellent turnout for this Zone Fun Night event. Moore was well represented with two teams entered. Mary-Lou and Ken Abrams, Tracy and Rob Kingston walked away with second-place honours.

Speaking of Zone Fun Nights, we need some ideas for a Moore Club event. The Airey Lanes bowling alley is not accepting any parties until September, any ideas? Contact President Kevin.

The Club Oratorical is scheduled for March 23, at 7PM at Sir John Moore School. Come out and support this great contest.

The Club Spelling Bee will be held at Colonel Cameron School at 6PM on March 23. The organizers could use a bit of help and support from the membership.

The Zone Spelling Bee will be held at 8PM at Centennial School in Petrolia on March 27.

Easter in the Park – March 28 at 12PM. Lots of help is needed with this event – it grows every year, and is a lot of fun.

THIS MONTH'S CHUCKLES

A young woman was preparing a ham dinner. After she cut off the end of the ham, she placed it in a pan for baking. Her friend asked her, "Why did you cut off the end of the ham"?

And she replied, "I really don't know but my mother always did, so I thought you were supposed to."

Later when talking to her mother she asked her why she cut off the end of the ham before baking it, and her mother replied, "I really don't know, but that's the

way my mom always did it." A few weeks later while visiting her grandmother, the young woman asked, "Grandma, why is it that you cut off the end of a ham before you bake it?"

Her grandmother replied, "Well dear, otherwise it would never fit in my baking pan."

Sound travels slowly.

Sometimes the things you say when your kids are teenagers don't reach them till they're in their 40s.

A carpet layer had just finished installing carpet for a lady. He stepped out for a smoke, only to realize he'd lost his cigarettes. He went back in and in the middle of the room, under the carpet, was a bump. "No sense pulling up the entire floor for one pack of smokes," he said to himself. He got out his hammer and flattened the hump. As he was cleaning up, the lady came in. "Here," she said, handing him his pack of cigarettes. "I found them in the hallway." "Now," she said, "If only I could find my parakeet."

On Saint Patrick's Day, an Irishman who had a little to much to drink was driving home from the city and his car was weaving violently all over the road. A cop pulled him over.

"So," said the cop to the driver, "Where have you been?"

"Why, I've been to the pub of course," slurs the drunk.

"Well," says the cop, "it looks like you've had quite a few to drink this evening."

"I did all right," the drunk says with a smile.

"Did you know," says the cop, standing straight and folding his arms across his chest, "that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?"

"Oh, thank heavens," sighs the drunk. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

On the bus Paddy got chatting to Murphy who was carrying a bag on his back

'What's in the bag?' asked Paddy

'I'm not going to tell', replied Murphy

'Go on, do.' pleaded Paddy.

'Ah, all right then, it's ducks.' announced Murphy

'If I guess how many ducks you have in the bag, will you give me one of them?' enquired Paddy

'Look', said Murphy, 'If you guess the correct number, I'll give you both of them.'

'Five!' said Paddy triumphantly.

QUOTES

Oh, the music in the air!

An' the joy that's ivrywhere

Shure, the whole blue vault of heaven is
wan grand triumphal arch,

An' the earth below is gay

Wid its tender green th'-day,

Fur the whole world is Irish on the
Seventeenth o' March!

~Thomas Augustin Daly

I bought a dog the other day...I named
him Stay. It's fun to call him...'Come here,
Stay! Come here, Stay!' He went insane.
Now he just ignores me and keeps typing.
He's an East German Shepherd.

~Steven Wright

May those who love us love us,
and those who do not love us,

may God turn their hearts,

and if He cannot turn their hearts

may He turn their ankles

that we may know them by their limping.

~Irish Prayer



**Rocky Mountain High
Denver 2010**

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

**SWONT
QUARTER BOARDS**

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

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

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael; he's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher; she's dead."

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face." "Yes," the class said. "Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

History

Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

Kids On Relationships

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

"Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then." Camille, age 10

"No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married." Freddie, age 6

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

"You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids." Derrick, age 8

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MUM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

"Both don't want any more kids." Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

"Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough." Lynnette, age 8

"On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." Martin, age 10

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A FIRST DATE THAT WAS TURNING SOUR?

"I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns." Craig, age 9

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

"When they're rich." Pam, age 7

"The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that." Curt, age 6

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

"I don't know which is better, but I'll tell you one thing. I'm never going to have sex with my wife. I don't want to be all grossed out." Theodore, age 8

"It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them." Anita, age 9

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

"Tell your wife that she looks pretty even if she looks like a truck." Ricky, age 10

Kids Reminisce

A number of Primary Schools were doing a project on "The Sea." Kids were asked to draw pictures or write about their experiences. Teachers got together to compare the results and put together some of the comments that were funny and some that were sad. Here are some of them. The kids were all aged between 5 and 8 years:

This is a picture of an octopus. It has eight testicles. (Kelly age 6)

If you are surrounded by sea you are an Island. If you don't have sea all around you, you are incontinent. (Wayne age 7)

I think sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson. She's not my friend no more. (Kylie age 6)

When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes, when the wind didn't blow, the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My brother said they would be better off eating beans. (William age 7)

I like mermaids. They are beautiful, and I like their shiny tails. How do mermaids get pregnant? (Helen age 7)

Some fish are dangerous. Jelly fish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves into chargers. (Christopher age 7)

My mom has fish nets, but doesn't catch any fish (Laura age 5)

When I grow up, I want to be captain of a big ship, and have lots of sailors. (Valerie age 6)

On holiday my Mom went water skiing. She fell off when she was going very fast. She says she won't do it again because water shot up her fanny. (Julie age 7)

A kindergarten pupil told his teacher he'd found a cat, but it was dead. How do you know that the cat was dead?" she asked her pupil. "Because I p*ssed in its ear and it didn't move," answered the child innocently. "You did WHAT ? ! ?" the teacher exclaimed in surprise. "You know," explained the boy, "I leaned over and went 'Pssst!' and it didn't move."

Note from the Editor:

Some e-mail accounts have changed or expired. If your newsletter has not arrived in your e-mail in-box, please send me your address. Your e-mail address will be treated as confidential information, and nothing other than the newsletter or important club updates will be mailed from me.

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