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A Message From the President

October's annual Pumkinfest was a success with over 110 kids attending and November 2011 proved to be busier and just as successful. The Optimist Santa Claus parade, a huge undertaking, was very well received by local residents, indicated by many positive comments I received from our community. November's board meeting was attended by all elected board members and executives. We've got a great, enthusiastic board and I look forward

to working with all members to better serve our community in 2012. December has begun with Operation Christmas Tree well underway and cash calendars are currently being sold. Thank you to all members for your volunteerism, for without your commitment and additional personal time invested, events like these, and our monthly bingos, would not have been possible. As we approach the holiday season, be proud of your Optimist accom-

plishments, and keep in mind the values of our Optimist Creed. I wish all Optimists a happy holiday season and best wishes to you and your families.



Corunna Santa Claus Parade

The Corunna Santa Claus Parade, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Moore, was a great success. The parade started exactly at 7PM on November 26 at "Simon and Sherrol's No Frills" store parking lot on Lyndock St. The weather forecast for the night predicted rain, but it held off until after midnight.

Optimists Tracey Kingston and Mary Lou Abrams did a terrific job of raising do-

nor funds, organizing the parade participants, and promoting the event. The parade drew a record number of viewers who were invited back to the clock tower to meet Santa and have a warm beverage.

Santa was greatly relieved that the weather remained unseasonably warm and clear, and told this reporter that the stability of his sleigh was greatly enhanced.

Many thanks to Lloyd MacDonald for the construction of the Christmas House on the Optimist Float. Thanks also to the decorating crew that put the floats together (and took them apart before it rained).

See the photos and related information at www.corunnasantaclausparade.ca/

Club Officers

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Stan Marsh

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Mary Lou Abrams

Second Vice President

Jim Neal

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Steve Inglis

Gillian Ewing

Dan Van Nice

Two Year Directors

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Sue Showers

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Nina Strickland

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Benny Ellerbe

Vice President (NE & GL)

Dwight Phillips

Pig Roast and Auction in June



Canadian Children's
Optimist Foundation



There will be a benefit auction on Saturday, June 23, 2012 to support the **Conductive Education Program** and the **Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation**.

The auction is at 8774 LaSalle Line and will begin at noon with a FREE roast pig luncheon laid on by our hosts, John and Joanne Sanders. The auction will follow at 2:00 PM.

The auction is looking for donations of :

- * Gently used items
- * New items
- * Crafts and Woodwork
- * Antiques

For more information, or to donate items, please contact:

Brian Clements 631-3092
John Sanders 849-2352
Gary Grant 337-5269
Nina Strickland 862-2379
John Ewanik 631-9635

Zone and Quarter Board Meetings

Quarter Board and Zone meetings are a great place to see old friends, make new ones and enjoy the fellowship of a great bunch of Optimists.

Quarter Board and Zone meetings are important to the operation of the Optimist District. The meetings are a forum for all Optimists to learn what the District is doing, program information, news and events from the Clubs, and planning for the future of Optimism in South-Western Ontario.

The District also offers very valuable training at

the Quarter Boards—Club Marketing, Essay and Oratorical, Personal Growth and Involvement, Scrapbooks, Fund-raising, to mention a few.

On top of all that, the Quarter Board and Zone meetings are a great place to see old friends, make new ones and enjoy the fellowship of a great bunch of Optimists. Plan to attend and have fun.

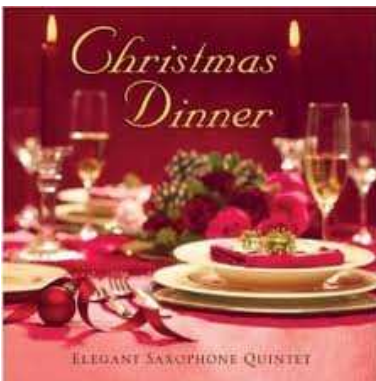
Second Quarter Board

February 17/18, 2012
Holiday Inn Point Edward
1498 Venetian Blvd.
Point Edward Ontario
www.holidayinn.com
519.336.4130 - - -
888.212.2252

Next Zone 6 Meeting

Thursday, February 16 at 6:30PM
Brigden Community Centre

Optimist Club of Moore Christmas Dinner



The Optimist Club of Moore has planned to have its December Dinner Meeting at the Corunna Legion on Monday, December 12 at the Corunna Legion. Social time at 6:30 PM, dinner served at 7:00PM. Optimists Gord Dawson and

Don Smith have entertainment lined up for after the meal.

Bring an item for the Inn of the Good Shepherd Food Bank.

Board of Directors

Your Club's Board of Directors meet on the fourth Monday of each month at the Courtright Community Hall at 7PM. All club members are invited to attend.

October 24 Meeting Highlights

Present: President Stan Marsh, V.P. Mary Lou Abrams, Directors; Dan Van Nice, Steve Inglis, and Gord Dawson, treasurer Lorne Powell and Secretary Nina Strickland.

Members: Larry Heath and Ken Abrams.

Regrets: Sue Showers and Tracy Kingston.

Absent: V.P. Jim Neal and Director Gillian Ewing.

Float: Additional funds were required to cover expenses for the club's float for the Santa Claus. It was moved by Tracy and seconded by Paul Mills that we increase the amount to \$2500.00. Carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Lorne advised that the payment to St Clair Township for the Splash Pad will be made in November, there is a balance of \$28,000.00 owing.

The cost of the Dinners at the Oct. dinner meeting was over proceeds at the door. Four chicken meals were ordered for people who do not eat beef of which three did not show. The Club is subsidizing meals. Lorne suggested that we do 50/50 draws to offset cost of meals. Stan will discuss it at the next meeting.

Correspondence:

Moore Museum: Letter thanking the club for our support with a copy of the newsletter Sampler.

Scouts Canada: Letter from the Tri Shores & Battlefields Councils requesting donation to sponsor a scout for the current Scout year at a cost of \$175.00. Filed.

Girl Guides: Letter from Irene Biscaro requesting donation to sponsor the Corunna Brownies and Sparks. It was moved by Mary Lou and seconded by Gord that we give \$1000.00 to the Corunna Guides. Carried

HOBY: Letter inviting optimists to apply for the position of group leaders for the HOBY seminar on May 3 - 4th. Applicants must be available for training March 12 2012. Steve requested a donation to

HOBY. \$600.00 was given to Steve to give to HOBY from the cash calendar.

Committee Reports:

Hall: The hall has received a green card from the health inspector at the Lambton Health Unit. New door openers have been installed.

Convention: The Moore club is organizing the Ole Timers Breakfast and one night of the hospitality. Plans are underway to organize entertainment for the breakfast. Need money to place favours on the table for each guest.

Cash Calendar. Ken has organized sales of the cash calendars at Foodland starting this Saturday and help is required.

Bingo: Larry advised that we are taking in \$1400 - \$1500 per month. We need a larger crew of volunteers to call on for Bingos.

Operation Christmas Tree: It was moved by Gord and seconded by Steve that we give \$1000.00 to Operation Christmas Tree. Planning underway, the site for collection and distribution is the Old Baptist Church.

Club Policy: Stan advised that it is time to review the policy. Steve will send it out by email to members who have email address and remainder by postal service.

New Business:

Minor Sports: Ken advised that the Corunna Giants Mosquito baseball team appreciated the donation we gave them.

Colonel Cameron Snack Program: Mary Lou advised that she is involved with the snack program at the school and it is doing well. It serves 240 kids.

Optimist Christmas Dinner: Gord reported that the dinner is on Dec 12th and Don is looking for entertainment for the evening.

Zone Meeting Oct 25: Ken presented the Club report for Stan who is unable to attend.

Kidney Foundation: Ken asked if we were making a donation to the Kidney Foundation as in past years. It was moved by Gord and seconded Steve by that we give \$500.00 to the kidney foundation.

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 14 6:30PM

Dinner meeting at Courtright Community Hall

Wednesday, November 16

Happy Birthday, Dan Harkins

Thursday, November 17

Happy Birthday Ken Abrams

Monday, November 28 at 7:00PM

Board Meeting, CCH

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Monday, December 5

Happy Birthday, Larry Heath

Monday, December 12

Happy Birthday, Gillian Ewing

Friday, December 16

Happy Birthday, June Maginn

Friday, February 17,18

2nd Quarter Board

Friday, April 27,28

3rd Quarter Board

Thursday, July 12,13,14

International Convention

Thursday, August 23,24,25

SWONT Convention

Favourite Quote

"For some reason I became intent on watching the raindrops on the window. Two separate drops, pushed by the wind, merged into one for a moment and then divided again, each carrying with it a part of the other. Simply by

that momentary touching, neither was what it had been before. And as each one went on to touch other raindrops, it shared not only itself, but what it had gleaned from the others."—*Peggy Tabor Millin*

"We should be careful to get out of an experience all the wisdom that is in it—not like the cat that sits on a hot stove lid. She will never sit down on a hot lid again—and that is well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one anymore."—*Mark Twain*



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By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.
- Optimist Mission Statement



2012 Optimist International Convention
Frontier Airlines Centre
Hilton, Hyatt, and Double Tree
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
July 12-14, 2012 (Thursday-Saturday)

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.

Written by Christian D. Larson in 1912

Het optimistische credo

Beloof jezelf:

Om sterk te zijn zodat niets je gedachten kan verstoren.

Dat je iedereen gezondheid, geluk en voorspoed toewenst.

Dat je al je vrienden het gevoel geeft dat ze belangrijk voor je zijn.

Dat je alles van de zonnige kant bekijkt en zo je optimisme waar maakt.

Om alleen aan het beste te denken, aan het beste te werken en alleen het beste te verwachten.

Dat je even enthousiast bent over het succes van anderen als dat van jezelf.

Om de fouten van het verleden te vergeten en meer te bereiken in de toekomst

Om altijd blij te kijken en ieder levend wezen dat je ontmoet toe te lachen

Om zoveel tijd te besteden aan je eigen verbeteringen, dat je geen tijd hebt om anderen te becriticeren

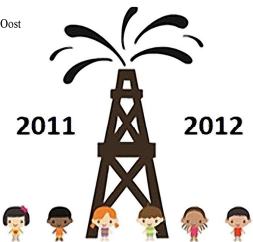
Je te groot bent voor zorgen, te goed voor woede, te sterk voor angst en te blij om problemen een kans te geven.



100% and then some...

**SWONT
OPTIMISTS**

Translation courtesy of Jos van Oost



**Our Youth  Our Riches
Our Future**