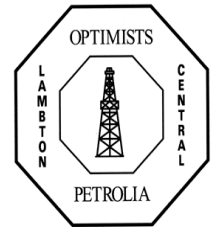




**THE HARD OIL NEWS**  
From  
**The Optimist Club**  
Of  
**Lambton Central-Petrolia**



## **PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE for JANUARY**

Hello Fellow Optimist another year is here. The angel tree committee of Pam, Linda & Al have done a great job again this year. Our club is paying out \$825 each to the Petrolia Breakfast Program and the Petrolia Food Bank.

Maurice McAuslan has volunteered to do new membership cards for us. Please email a picture of yourself to Maurice at [mmcauslan@acncanada.net](mailto:mmcauslan@acncanada.net) in jpeg or bmp format. If you can't email the picture just get it to me and I can scan it and get it to Maurice. In the event you do not have a picture of yourself we can take one at the dinner meeting.

The board is still reviewing our club bylaws please read the newly revised version attached and let a board member know if you have questions or concerns (we are listed on the attached Executive List). Please make every effort to attend the dinner meeting on Jan. 27 at LCDS Centre Street location, the call captains will be calling shortly. It is \$5.00 per person for our Christmas Dinner with the club picking up the rest of the costs. We will also have a presentation about Bravery Beads and are asking you to donate your spare change towards this worthy cause at the dinner meetings this year.

Yours in Optimism President Carol

## **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

### **MEAT RAFFLES**

We just had our first Meat Raffle at Street's Eatery & Pub this past Wednesday. It resulted in an excellent turn out and hopefully will continue. We are running the next 2 raffles on Wednesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help or just come out and lend your support it would be appreciated.

### **WEB SITE UPDATES**

Optimists Ellie and Bryan are looking after our new Club web site. Remember to check it out at [www.petroliaoptimist.org](http://www.petroliaoptimist.org). They have asked me to remind the membership that to keep it current they need to know about any changes or updates in programs or individuals. So if you have information for the web site please contact them with it.

### **THE 'RUN FOR THE GROCERIES' FUNDRAISER**

Optimist Ted has arranged with the local grocery store, Heidi's Y.I.G. to co-sponsor this year's ticket draw. We will be selling \$2.00 tickets on a chance to race around the grocery store filling shopping carts. First prize is a 5 minute run, second prize is a 3 minute run, third prize is a \$200 gift certificate and fourth prize is a \$100 gift certificate, both to be used at the store. The tickets are now available from Ted and he will have more to hand out at next month's meeting. The draw and run will be in March. Ted has signed us up to sell in the foyer of the grocery store on Thursday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. He has also signed us up for Saturday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon, from noon until 2:00 p.m., then 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. In February, we are signed up to sell on Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. If you can man one of the evening shifts or sell for 2 hours during one of the 3 Saturday or Sunday shifts please call him a.s.a.p.

## **ANGEL TREE**

Optimists Pam C and Al D report that this annual project was a great success. They report that over 250 angels were sold with a profit of approximately \$1600.00 to be split between the Petrolia Food Bank and the Petrolia Breakfast Program

## **BY-LAWS**

There is a copy of our proposed by-laws being sent with the newsletter. The Club, as a whole, must vote on their acceptance so please read them over carefully and be prepared to vote at the next meeting.

## **PETROLIA 2000 BOARD GAMES**

We have recently unearthed a collector's item that I am sure many Club members would love to own. A carton of the Petrolia 2000 Board Game, (a monopoly type of game), has been found. They were originally sold for \$20.00 but are now available for only \$10.00. If you want one call Cheryl Dewhirst to reserve a copy.

## **OUR BELATED CHRISTMAS DINNER**

We will be having our Christmas Dinner in January as is our custom, on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This year our Dinner Meeting will be catered by the LCDS at their facilities. This will be a buffet meal with 2 meats and all the trimmings. The cost will be \$5.00 per person and remember guests are always welcome.

## **TRIVIA NIGHT**

Our Club will be hosting its annual Zone Trivia Challenge on Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Petrolia Legion. This is a fun night with food and good company that also allows you a chance to show off your extensive knowledge on many topics. The other Clubs in our Zone will be represented at the evening affair that begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends about 9:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

We would like to congratulate Optimists Keith Allen, Pam Core, Linda Scales & Rich Goodhand who celebrate a birthday this month. Optimist Marion de Melo will celebrate 7 years as a member of our Club this month as well. Congratulations Marion!

Our next business meeting will be on February 3rd at Queen Elizabeth II School at 7:00 p.m. The Dinner Meeting will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the LCDS building at 7:00 p.m. This will be our annual Christmas Dinner and will cost \$5.00 per person.

## **ADDING TO THE NEWSLETTER**

If you have any information to add or if you want to make an announcement to the Club please feel free to contact me at 882-1255.