



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



## **PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE for JUNE**

Well, I think its summer, the calendar says it is, but when I got up this morning there was frost on the roofs of the buildings, so I guess we need to be Optimistic and hope summer will be here soon.

We have had a very busy winter and spring with Optimist programs and it is now time to get busy with our summer events, which happens to be a lot of food booth events. First off though is the BX 93 dance on June 13<sup>th</sup>, when we all need to help out. Call Carol if you do not have a timeslot to work at for this event.

Food booths are being held at the Petrolia Fathers Day Car show on June 21, followed by Canada Day on July 1, Kyli's Kause is on July 5, then Petrolia's Hard Oil Festival on July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup>. If you can help out on any of these dates, please give me a call, otherwise I will be calling you. We need volunteers at all these events.

Don't forget to get your Rubber Duck tickets to sell for the big duck drop on the 12<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser is being chaired by Optimist Dawn; give her a call if you need tickets.

We have also decided to hold our annual Hiawatha June dinner meeting again this year but it will be held on Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. I will have the call captains call you around the 1<sup>st</sup> of Aug to find out if you can make it, if you say yes, you will be responsible to pay for it, and we need to know accurate numbers. The cost is going to be \$15 per person and the club will pick up the remainder, however, you are responsible for your own drinks and betting.

I hope to see the most of you in the upcoming months at some of our events, but if I don't, I want to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy summer. Take the time to enjoy yourself so you can come back in the fall refreshed and ready to get active again in this great club we have.

Don't forget to give me a call to help out.

Yours in Optimism  
Bruce Cox

## **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

### **MEAT RAFFLES**

We continue to work with the Petrolia Lions' Club to run a Meat Raffle at the Pumphouse Bar on Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Our next two turns running this event are June 18<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>. Optimist Cheryl is always looking for more help with this activity and it is an enjoyable time as well. If you can help, please contact her, as this is a very important fund raiser for us, and your support is needed.

### **BX 93 DANCE UPDATE**

Our annual fund raiser was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> and seemed to go off without a hitch. Thanks to all who helped put this important fund raiser together for us.

### **TRILLIUM GRANT UPDATE**

Optimist Bruce has received the new trailer purchased with Trillium funds. Equipment to furnish it has been purchased and shelves have been built in it. It is ready to go to the many activities where we will be providing food this summer.

## **ACADEMIC CHALLENGE**

This annual fun activity was completed with a great deal of excitement. There was a three-way tie for first place with a resulting mini play-off round robin on the last night. The results of this playoff say Sir John Moore School and John Knox School face each other in the Championship. Sir John Moore nudged out the Wyoming school to take the Championship.

## **ELECTION TIME**

The dinner meeting in April saw our annual elections take place. Our new executive for next October will have Bruce as Past President, Carol Watt as President, Ellie Westover as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Cheryl Dewhirst as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Joanne Whitlaw will complete Ellie's year on the Board of Directors, along with Linda Scales & Maurice McAuslan, and the new 2 year Directors are Dawn Wakefield, Vicky Humphrey & Janet Hardy. Ted Gravelle has been appointed Secretary and Patty McKinley has been appointed Treasurer by President-elect Carol.

## **CINNABONS FUND RAISING**

Optimist Ellie Westover did a great job of organizing this fund raiser for us. We made just over \$300.00 profit. She would like to thank all who were able to help out with this event.

## **TRI STAR BASKETBALL**

Optimist Ted organized and ran 2 Tri Star basketball skills competitions for both girls and boys with the cooperation of Joe Syer and the boys and girls of the teams at LCCVI. Over 80 young people competed in the three skills categories.

## **BOTTLE DRIVE**

Optimist Carol Watt and Rich Goodhand did a great job organizing this event. Between cash and bottles donated for returns we were able to give the Food Bank \$300.00.

## **WEB SITE UPDATES**

Optimists Ellie and Bryan are looking after our new Club web site. Remember to check it out at [www.petroliamoptimist.org](http://www.petroliamoptimist.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.

## **RUBBER DUCKS ANYONE??**

Optimist Dawn Wakefield is busy organizing our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Rubber Duck Race to be held during the Hard Oil Festival on July 12<sup>th</sup> as part of the Family Day celebrations being organized by the Town. Ducks cost \$2.00 each or a family of 3 for \$5.00. Tickets are being circulated but Dawn has more if you need some to sell or buy.

## **FOOD BOOTH HELP NEEDED**

Optimist Bruce is putting our new trailer to work often this summer. We will be hosting food booths at the Father's Day Car Show in Bridgeview Park, as well as during the fireworks on Canada Day and at Kylie's Kause on July 5h, at the Beach Boys Tribute concert in the arena on July 11th and at the Hard Oil Festival and Family Day on July 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help at any of these events please call Bruce at 882-1408.

## **HIAWATHA NIGHT**

Our annual Hiawatha dinner and evening of entertainment we be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> this year. As usual the Club will pay for \$12.00 of the entry charges for you and a guest and you pay \$15.00. You will be contacted

about attending later in the summer BUT please remember if you say yes and subsequently do not attend you will be billed for the cost since we have to have fairly accurate numbers for the management.

## **TWOONIE TABLE**

I realize that summer hasn't even started yet but this is a gentle reminder that we will be having our annual Twoonie Table at the Fall Fair in September. Please do your best to collect some prizes for this fund raiser. If you have a friend or family member who would like to donate a craft or you know of a local business person who is willing to donate a prize please let Ted know. We don't want several people asking the same person for prizes.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

The Moore Club is looking to host their annual Putt-Putt Golf night on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Camp Grounds in Courtright. If you would like to attend this fun evening, remember it is BYOB and bring a lawn chair as well and call Bruce.

We would like to congratulate Optimists Marion de Melo, Denise Cook, Carol Watt, & Pauline Mitchell who celebrated a birthday in May. Optimists Marcy Langford and Maurice McAuslan are celebrating a birthday this month. A special congratulation goes out to Maurice who is FINALLY retiring as a custodian with the Lambton-Kent School Board this month as well. Congratulations also to Optimist Ted Gravelle and spouse Gail who are celebrating the anniversary of their marriage this month. Optimists Brian Johnson & spouse Cathy, Optimist Linda Scales & spouse Ron, Optimist Bruce Cox & spouse Penny and Optimist Sandy Thompson & spouse Jim are all celebrating their anniversaries in June. We would like to congratulate Optimists Sandy Thompson and Dawn Wakefield who are celebrating 1 year as an Optimist this June. Optimist Bryan Small is celebrating 4 years in Optimism, Optimist Carol Watt is celebrating 10 years in Optimism and Optimist Rob Anderson is celebrating 13 years in Optimism, all this June.

## **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.