

# THE HARD OIL NEWS

For  
JUNE

## **THE PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE**

Well it looks like we skipped spring and have gone straight to summer. Thanks everyone for all the great projects you have chaired or run. Speaking of which if you have some time available Bruce is looking for help on the BBQ team give him a shout and see if you can match up for dates. Thanks Carol, Maurice & Janet for being our Much Music dance committee. I know it didn't turn out the way we hoped but thanks for all the time & energy.

Dawn is set for Rubber Duck Race if you want tickets to sell give her a call. Bruce is getting his BBQ ready for Optimist Steve Mc Grail's Kylie's Kause final chapter. Ted is busy with our chocolate bar sales and I have a list of dates for the meat raffle. If you can help, give us a call. Also, we will be selling 50/50 tickets at the market again this summer on set dates.

Once again thanks for all your support hope to see you on July 9<sup>th</sup> at our summer get together. I can't believe it will soon be fall and Optimist Elly will be taking over this amazing Club! You all are awesome through all our joint efforts we reach so many kids.

President Cheryl

## **MEAT RAFFLE**

We will be responsible for the raffles being held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Our July dates are the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl is looking for help on these dates.

## **WEBSITE UPDATE**

Optimists Bryan Small and Elly Westover are always looking for pictures and info to keep our website current. If you have something that should be on the website, contact one of them with your ideas.

## **MUCH MUSIC VIDEO DANCE**

Optimist Carol Watt has not finalized her reports as yet but will have it completed soon. It was not a good night and we may have to look very seriously at dropping this from our events calendar.

## **FOOD BOOTH**

Optimist Bruce Cox is again chairing our summer food booth efforts. We will be offering food to the patrons of the Father's Day Car Show in the park at Bear Creek on June 19<sup>th</sup>, as well as at the Canada Day celebrations at the same site and at Kylie's Kause at the Wyoming Fair Grounds on July 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are available to help let Bruce know please!

## **ACADEMIC CHALLENGE**

We recently completed this annual event for four of our elementary schools. The Championship game saw Queen Elizabeth II defeat John Knox in a spirited game. Congratulations to all the students of the four schools that participated. Chair Ted Gravelle would also like to thank his committee of Optimists Bruce Cox, Janet Hardy, Cheryl Dewhirst, Carol Watt, Brian Johnson, Brent Gravelle, and Elly Small, (Westover then), for all their help in making this such a successful event again this year. As well, he would like to thank Optimist Bryan Small for looking after the videotaping, (check out our web site to see this), and still pictures during the Championship.

### **RUBBER DUCK RACE**

Optimist Dawn Wakefield is again chairing this annual event. She plans to hold the race on July 10 at the Old Town Picnic in Bear Creek. Tickets have been printed and she would love to give you a book or two to sell, just give her a call. The proceeds this year are earmarked to go towards playground equipment at the Community Centre.

### **CHOCOLATE BARS**

We are trying a new fund raiser. Optimist Ted has arranged for the delivery of some cases of chocolate bars. They are \$2.00 each and there are 2 different types. There are just 12 cases left to sell. They come in cases of 30 or you can take a half case to sell. Just try to get them out of the house and SELL them and not be your own best customer.

### **ASTRONOMY NIGHT**

Optimist Ted is in the process of planning our second annual Astronomy Night. He is looking at August 20<sup>th</sup> for the evening of star gazing. If you would like to be on the committee to help with the planning and execution of this event give him a call.

### **GRAND BEND MOTOPLEX TICKETS**

The Southwestern Ontario Optimist District executive has again organized an Optimist weekend at the Grand Bend Motoplex on June 25 and 26. The Motoplex is offering us blocks of tickets to sell with about 80% of the proceeds coming back to the District. The top selling Club or Clubs will then get a percentage of this money. Last year we were the top Club and received almost \$250.00 in return. President Cheryl and Optimist Susan Brooks, (the Chair for this project), have more information and even some individual tickets to sell.

### **THE TOWN MARKET**

We have been asked to run a 50-50 draw at the market again this summer. Our three dates are June 8<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 a.m. until noon. If you would like to help by manning a shift, (first shift from 6:45 until 9:30 a.m. then from 9:30 until noon), let President Cheryl know. We keep the proceeds earned that day.

### **BEER TENT**

The Petrolia Fair Board has again asked us to man the Beer Tent on the Friday Night of the Fair at the Tractor Pull. Bruce will also have a food booth set up for this event. If you can help let either Bruce, (for food booth only) or President Cheryl know.

### **SUMMER GET-TOGETHER**

The executive is planning a summer get-together for the Club on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at Crabby Joe's restaurant here in Petrolia at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person and guests are welcome. There has been an e-mail sent out listing the 2 possible meals available and you have been asked to choose which of the 2 we will be served. Your responses on attendance and the type of meal are needed by June 22<sup>nd</sup>, please. We will have a private room and there will be games as well as good food and possibly a beverage or two consumed. See you there!

### **TOONIE TABLE**

I know that the Fall Fair seems a long way away but in reality it is only just over 2 months from now. Again this year we will be having a Toonie Table at the Fair. Ted is chairing this committee again and is hoping the membership will do its usual great job of collecting prizes. He has a form letter available outlining the project to give to any potential donors if you need one. If you know of a business or a friend or family member that would like to donate call him and arrangements can be made to collect the prize.

### **F.Y.I.**

The next Zone meeting is on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Courtright Silverdome sponsored by the Moore Club. This is the annual chicken and ribs barbeque and is always a great meal, especially since it is free! If you wish to attend let Optimist Cheryl or Carol W know a.s.a.p. as the number attending need to be in this week.

Our next dinner meeting will be at Crabby Joe's at 7:00 p.m. on July 9th. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. The next executive meeting will be on Wed., September 7th at President Cheryl's home at 7:00 p.m.

We would like to wish a Happy June Birthday to Optimist Marcy Langford and Optimist Maurice McAuslan. We would also like to wish a happy June wedding anniversary to Optimist Governor-elect Bruce Cox and spouse Penny and to Optimist Brian Johnson and spouse Cathy and to Optimist Linda Scales and spouse Ron. Best wishes for a happy Optimist anniversary go out to Optimist Dawn Wakefield who joined our ranks 3 years ago this month and to Optimist Rob Anderson who joined our Club in June 25 years ago.

OOP! I would also like to wish a Happy May Birthday to Optimists Denise Cook, Marion de Melo, and Carol Watt. Their May wedding anniversary was celebrated by Optimist Ted Gravelle and spouse Gail. We also would like to congratulate 2 of our members who are celebrating their joining of Optimism last month, Bryan Small, 6years, and Carol Watt, 12 years. I would like to offer my apologies for mixing up the months in last month's letter.

Since the next letter won't be out until September I would also like to extend birthday congratulations to Optimists Bruce Cox, and Bryan Small, both July birthdays, and to Optimists Vicky Humphrey, Cheryl Dewhirst, and Elly Small, all August birthdays. Summer wedding anniversaries will be celebrated by Optimist Keith Allen and spouse Bernita, and Optimist Steve McGrail and wife Lisa, both in July. August wedding anniversaries will be celebrated by Optimist Pam Core and husband Mark, Optimist Brent Gravelle and spouse Katherine, Optimist Marcy Langford and spouse Al, and by Optimist Rich Goodhand and spouse Kendra. Finally, we would like to thank the following Optimists for joining our organization, Optimist Bryan Small, 6 years, Optimist Carol Watt, 12 years, both in May and Optimists Vicky Humphrey and Governor-elect Bruce Cox both 17 years in July.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER and hopefully we'll see each other at some of the events we are running!