

# THE HARD OIL NEWS

For  
SEPTEMBER

## **THE PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE**

Hi everyone I can't believe my year is almost over. Once again this club has continued to amaze me in the huge contributions to our youth and fundraising projects that each and every one of you do. We are a success because of you. I want to thank each and every member for their help last weekend the fair is a busy one for us with the beer tent, food booth and toonie table and with the meat raffle the night before I know that many of you gave extra hours and some your whole weekend that we could succeed. I am proud to say that I belong to this group of great people.

I know that each and every one of you will help Elly succeed in her year as well.

Once again you all ROCK !!!!

Your President in Optimism,  
Cheryl

## **MEAT RAFFLE**

The raffles this month are being held on September 15th, 22nd & 29th. Our first October date is the 6th and 20th. Cheryl and Ted are looking for help on these dates. Please contact them if you can help.

## **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.

## **CHOCOLATE BARS**

Ted would like to finalize the books on this fund raiser. If you have money and/or bars to turn in to him please do so soon.

## **ASTRONOMY NIGHT**

Optimist Ted is in the process of planning our second annual Astronomy Night. He has arranged with the Petrolia Discovery and the Royal Astronomical Society of Sarnia/Lambton for Saturday, October 1st to be the evening of star gazing. If you would like to help with this event give him a call.

## **THE TOWN MARKET**

We have been asked to run a 50-50 draw at the market. Our last date is September 24th 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 either Ted or Carol Watt know. We keep the proceeds earned that day.

## **BEER TENT**

The Petrolia Fair Board us to man the Beer Tent on the Friday Night of the Fair at the Tractor Pull. Bruce had a food booth set up for this event as well. Both were very well attended. The Fair Board paid us a flat fee to man the Tent and Bruce reported making a profit in excess of \$1100.00. Great job everyone and special thanks to Bruce, Cheryl D and Carol W for organizing the manning of these jobs.

### **TOONIE TABLE**

This too was a huge success. Ted reports that the Table had its best year yet, taking in over \$3000.00 and should clear over \$2800.00. He would like to extend his personal thanks to all who helped by gathering prizes and/or manning the ticket selling table over the weekend. He would also like to send out a special acknowledgement and thanks to Bruce and Brian J for setting up our display and to Linda and Pam for another excellent job of sorting the all of the prizes.

### **TERRY FOX RUN**

While this is not one of our own planned and executed events, it is worth noting because Optimist Steve McGrail has now joined the planning committee for this annual event. Our Club has again agreed to supply hot dogs and refreshments to the participants and has given Steve two prizes to use in the raffle he is organizing for that morning, Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Bruce is looking for 1 or 2 more people to help at our booth.

### **CROSS COUNTRY RUN**

Our Club is holding its 18<sup>th</sup> annual Cross Country Run for all elementary schools in both Boards of Education in the Lambton/Kent area. The Run will be on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 a.m. and going until 2:30 p.m. and will be held again this year at the Petrolia Discovery. If you can come out and help at the scoring table by either taking the name tags from the runners as they finish or writing their names on the score sheets please call Ted and let him know.

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

Our next dinner meeting will be at Queen Elizabeth II School at 7:00 p.m. on September 28th. This will be a pot luck dinner. The next executive meeting will be on Wed., October 5th at Q.E. II at 7:00 p.m. This will be our annual budget deliberation night as well as the first meeting for our newly elected Board.

We would like to wish a happy September Birthday to Optimist Brian Johnson. We would also like to wish a happy September wedding anniversary to Optimist Dawn Wakefield and spouse Jeff, Optimist Denise Cook and spouse Bill and to Optimists Cheryl and Al Dewhirst. Best wishes for a happy Optimist anniversary go out to Optimist Patti McKinlay who joined our club 11 years ago this month and to Optimists Cheryl and Al Dewhirst who joined our ranks 15 years ago.