



Optimist Club of South Windsor

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You Will Always Stand Taller With Someone Else On Your Shoulders, So Lend A Hand.

District 45 Zone 2 Club # 45213

SOAP BOX DERBY - WRAP UP A GREAT JOB BY ALL WHO HELPED ON RACE DAY - EXTRA THANKS TO THOSE WHO PUT IN THE EFFORT IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS LEADING UP TO RACE DAY.

Thanks [Glen Schofield](#) for taking up the cause and making sure we got the derby going this year. 23 teams raced. 3 divisions of cars. Face painting for the kids, Music, hotdogs, drinks and autographs by two members of the Memorial cup winning Windsor Spitfire Hockey Team.

Some of the highlights - we had a great show of the corporate and super stock cars. The "big crash" of the day involved, a rookie to our race who broke 3 of his 4 wheels, after both cars crossed the finish line the rookie swerved into lane 2 where he was unavoidably struck by the "Pizzuti teams car" back story the car that caused the crash and damaged his own wheels is owned by a gentleman who purchased it recently at a garage sale so a neighborhood kid could drive it. He was able to get a brand new set of wheels from us to keep the car racing.

We also were able to supply extra parts in the way of brakes, cotter pins, wheels, washer kits and such to those teams in need and raised donation money.

Spectators were abundant and for the first time in history we ran short of hot dogs. The last dog was in high demand and went for a \$5 donation. We had people throwing in fives, tens and even a couple twenties in to the donation cup at the refreshment tent. A great big thanks to those who put in money. It is nice to see people appreciate what we are trying to do. Some of our families that have been coming for years seem to step up and help out, and we had some families we know who you are and we thank you.

Persons from the parks department contacted us out to get input into building a suitable hill, done big and done right. We will have one chance to come up with a wish list of size and shape. They say they have a great location with all the facilities we need. They want a hill there. Some numbers and plans must be submitted in November to them and they will include it in a master build plan for 2010. This is our best chance yet at a new hill, and it could be done first class. Please any input is appreciated.

"Stand For Something Or You Will Fall For Anything"

Who Says There's No Such Thing As A Free Breakfast

In case you missed it, and not many did, we were all treated to a free breakfast in August at our newest meeting spot, Kensington Court on Cabana Road in South Windsor.

We would like to thank everyone for coming out for breakfast, and just to remind those who came out just to get a free meal, there will continue to be free meals served at the downtown mission, but you will have to check the sitting times.

The meeting room they are letting us use is at no cost, it is equipped with an internet computer, t.v., and dvd player as well.

All meetings will start first with the Breakfast served at 8:45 and then move into the meeting after everyone has eaten. No breakfast will be served to anyone arriving after 9 am. This will help get our meeting started on time and get it over in a timely manner.

Your current president [Bill](#) and treasurer [Jeff](#) are working hard to save you money. After last meeting, they drove down the cost of our meals with an intense negotiation with the Kensington management.

The new reduced breakfast cost has been set at only **\$6.00 per person**. That includes your breakfast, coffee/tea, juices, orange & apple, toast & muffins or baked goods, it also includes taxes and tips. An alternate fruit plate can be ordered for \$4.00. Anyone who only has coffee, juice, or a muffin can pay just \$1.00 for each item.

NEXT MEETING

- **Saturday November 7th**
- **Breakfast Time 8:45 a.m.**
- Paying for your breakfast - Leave your money on the table. Money for your table will be collected by 1 person at your table and given to Bill Smith when everyone at the table has paid.

- November Guests will be [Tina LeCavelier](#) and [Chris Zurczak](#) from the [Windsor Broom Ball League](#)
- We have been sponsoring a kids team the past 3 years. Most games are played at the Forest Glade arena. Check out the Web site www.LLGBB.com - they have posted the Optimist creed there as well as links to our web site.
- They will be making a visual presentation to keep us updated on the league and our team
- If you have paid your dues, of \$24.00 you will get a chance at having your breakfast paid for.
- We are also trying to schedule a speaker from the [St.Marks breakfast program](#) serving two high need area grade schools in west end
- If you want to invite a guest speaker, contact Bill Smith and or Dee Gifford who will add it to the agenda or minutes.
- If you have any new business that needs to be brought up at a meeting- don't be shy just ask -

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT

We are always looking for a good reason to help out a group. If you know someone who is looking for help with a project we would love to help.

Sponsorships for up to \$50.00 can be requested for by any club member who may be involved or have a connection to a local fundraising event like a walkathon fundraiser etc.

Just make a simple verbal request at the general meeting or board meeting. No formal motion need be put on the floor. We will always try to help out where we can.

Any funding or sponsorships up to \$500.00 must be requested to the board at the general or board meeting. The board will consider all requests. If a member is requesting or has an interest in the sponsorship, a vote will be held without the requesting member present.

Any funding requests over \$500.00 should normally be done with a formal in person presentation at a general meeting. Then all members present can hear first hand about the funding request and the merits of the project.

Guests attending a meeting to request a donation or to give a short presentation must first be scheduled on the agenda; you must notify the President, Bill Smith, and the Secretary, Dee Gifford. Letting them know who would like to come and why.

Any *new business* should be brought up to the attention of the President at the beginning of the meeting so he can add it into the meeting.

Optimist Club of Windsor Turns 75

The Optimist Club of Windsor is having a dinner at the Serbian Center at 6770 Tecumseh Rd East. It will take place on Saturday November 7th.

The club was started by the downtown Optimist Club of Detroit in 1934. The official motto of the Optimists at that time was "Friend of the Delinquent Boy". Though that motto has changed as the clubs grew up, most of the members never really seem to. This club was the first club in south western Ontario. It established our own club and helped built many others in the area.. If anyone is interested in attending the cost is \$30.00 per person for members and non members alike, and you can call **Terry Lyons** for more info and tickets. Phone 944-3986 or email terrylyons@cogeco.ca Attendees will include the current International Vice President, the v.p. elect, Dorthey Tyler the Governor of the Michigan district, the Gov. of S.W. Ont. district and many others from our district.

The Presidents Message

Please call if you cannot attend the next meeting, It will save us calling you. We need to give the cook numbers of persons and guest attending each meeting.

Websites: WWW.OPTIMSTSOAPBOX.COM

UPCOMING SOAPBOX DISCUSSION

A tentative date for next soapbox meeting is Sunday Nov.15th 1pm at Laser Tech Abrasives. Call Glen Schofield to confirm details. We will be trying to finalize some plans for a new hill. Glen is trying to get some architect students to draw up a rough design of some of the numbers we put together that would see a 500 ft track and a 25 foot high hill. Thanks to those who attended the previous meeting at Laser Tech, incl. Glen Schofield, Chris Lucier, Kyle Lucier, Laurie Barkhouse, John Walker, Dave Pellerin, Jeff Paquette.

WHAT IS GOING ON

It was great that the management let **Jim Wheeler** leave his room on the top floor of the Kensington court to join us for our last meeting. It was too bad he missed the meeting the month before with the free breakfast. Does his family know he is in here?



Harold Paquette would like to remind everyone that he has already submitted the names of the entire club to the Kensington Court to collect the \$1500.00 sign up bonus they pay for new residents.

Congratulations to our first free breakfast winner **Glen Schofield**. He had paid his dues and his name went in the meeting draw to cover that days breakfast.

At this years soapbox derby; it seems **Gary St. John** was caught trying to put lead weight into the super stock car he was "doing some work on" he was caught by the officials when the hot lead kept melting the plastic car body. "Not like the old days of when the cars were made of metal eh gary." Also please remember the red wheels are only set up wheels the racing wheels are white.

The electronic bingos cards are coming and it seems like the old paper cards will be gone. The bingo girls **Dee Renaud** and **Judy Furdal** are feeling a bit like waitresses instead of card sellers. We do appreciate their hard work and new club shirts are in the works for them.

Congratulations to first time grampa **Syl Grenier**. His daughter recently had a baby boy Mathieu in Ottawa.

Join our club on "Facebook" search Optimist Soap Box Derby. You will be updated on any activities through out the year. Also see the web site for the newest derby photos on display.

Congratulations to Opt. **John Walker** for competing and completing the International Detroit Free Press half marathon recently in Windsor & Detroit.

Bruce Cottrell will be going to Kitchener as part of a group to teach the blind.

"I HAVE NOT FAILED; I'VE JUST FOUND 10,000 WAYS THAT WON'T WORK." Thomas Edison