



Optimist Club of West Lorne Inc.

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March 2009

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Adult Fun Night and Elimination Draw a success...

The annual Adult Fun Night was held on Saturday, February 28 with almost all members in attendance helping out. In the beginning of the evening the room was looking very low in the number of people attending and fear was that it may not be good turnout, but things took a turn and the room suddenly became full of happy card players and silent auction bidders. Optimists Doug & Dorothy and Brad and Joanne did a terrific job as usual taking admissions and distributing the play money and programs. Many thanks to the lunch staff who put on a fabulous late lunch. And of course a great big thank you to Optimist Ken Neil for chairing the event once again. It takes a lot of planning and organization to make this event the success that it is and the club and the members of our community really appreciate it. This is the biggest fund raiser for our club and this generates a lot of the income we need to support what we do... working for our youth.

The winners of the the elimination draw were: \$25 dollar winners; Jodie Lilley, Grace Audet, Glenn Szusz, Jill Downie, Lori Parker and Paul Dupuis. \$500 dollar winner was our very own president, Nancy Murray and, it is with very sincere apologies from our editor that the photo taken of this very exiting presentation to our president was inadvertently deleted from the photographers camera after submitting pictures to our local newspaper. Congratulations President Nancy!

Awards presented to our club

Optimist Lt. Ken Neil attended the 2nd quarter board on February 21. Due to the poor weather, he was the only member of our club to make the event. Our club did very well for the 2007/08 Optimist year and Optimist Ken was very proud to accept the awards given. These awards were then presented to Past President Dorothy at the general meeting March 4 and we congratulate her on a terrific Honour Club year. Some of the other awards include Community Service, Rising Star, Hoby and Eminent Benefactor for giving \$10,000 to O.I. Congratulations also to Optimist John Eagleson for the award on best newsletter and our C.P.A. book won in the southwest region and made it to International level.

Speakers at upcoming meetings

Next general meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 18 with guest speaker Grace McGartland of the Arts and Cookery Bank to speak on Service Club fundraising.

April 15 meeting guest speaker will be Janet Given, from our community library to speak about the many services our library has to offer.... not just books!



Oratorical attendants; L to R: Mikaela Lapointe 3rd place; Taylor Cundy 1st place; Amanda Liddy, 2nd place and Optimist President Nancy Murray

Only three participants for Oratorical Contest

Optimist Karen, chairperson for the 2009 Oratorical, was disappointed in the participation of this year's contest. Of the six registered (all girls) only three were able to make it to the contest on the night of February 18. Due to illnesses the other three were not able to attend. The winners where 3rd place; Mikaela Lapointe, 2nd place; Amanda Liddy (both of St. Mary's Catholic School) and 1st went to Taylor Cundy, a grade 9 student attending W.E.S.S.

Taylor has qualified to enter the Regional competition scheduled to be held in Windsor on March 28, but there is a good possibility that there won't be a Regional due the lack of contestants from the zone. If this is the case then Taylor will automatically qualify for the District and final competition held in April where she has a chance for the championship and a \$1500 scholarship given by Optimist International

Splash Pad update

Optimist Kathy reports that the municipality is going to help a great deal with the costs of the signs for the splash pad. One is to be posted in the arena and the other right at the sight. The municipality has also agreed to exempt the amount owing on the project that our club owes by the deadline date in July of this year. There is still some grant applications waiting to be approved to cover some of the outstanding amount.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday
 March 18 @ 8:00pm

Directors Meeting
 Wednesday
 March 25 @ 7:30pm

FALLSVIEW CASINO BUS TRIP

Saturday, May 9th
 \$25 per person ~ Pickup at 9am
 West Elgin Arena