



# Optimist Club of West Lorne Inc. NEWSBRIEFS

May 2009

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## Annual Easter Egg Hunt draws large crowd

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 11 at St. Mary's Catholic School yard in West Lorne with well over 100 children gathering 100's of chocolate foiled wrapped eggs in hopes to find the big egg in their age category. Pictured above with our very own Easter Bunny is (L to R) Alexander Ostrowalker, winner in the age 2 to 4; Magnum Fodor, winner in the age 5 to 7 and Kyle Eastwood, winner in the age 8 to 10 category.

## Local libraries more than just books

Janet Given of the West Lorne Library was our guest speaker at the the April 15 meeting. Janet was very pleased to be a part of our evening and explained how our community libraries are a huge resource for many things. The library is also a part of Service Ontario, which provides government documents and certificates. This is very handy for those who do not have access to the internet from their home or need assistance in downloading or filling in the proper information. The library is also a place for our local high school student to fill up their community service hours required to graduate. The students offer lessons on computers as well as musical instrument.

There are many things to borrow from the libraries for every kind of reader from fact to fiction as well as videos, DVD's, CD's.

These libraries are a much needed service in our area, so let's all get out and use them and support them.

## Guest speaker coming for the May 20th meeting

Be sure to make time to come on out to the next meeting held on Wednesday, May 20 at 8:00 p.m. Bill Graham of the Kiwanis Club of West Lorne will be guest speaker bringing with him a very interesting topic.

We have been inviting a guest speaker to our 2nd meeting of the month for some time now and they always prove to be informative and enjoyable. Lights snacks and coffee to follow. Come on our and join us.

## Bike Rodeo 2009

The Annual Bike Rodeo is scheduled once again on Friday, May 29 with Optimist Doug Staddon chairing. It will be held at Aldborough Public School in Rodney and 9 of our club members have volunteered their help.

A bicycle will be purchased from Knight's Home Hardware in West Lorne as the grand prize. Other prizes include 2 bicycle helmets donated by the Community Policing Organization and our own club will also contribute 2 other prizes.



## 2nd Runner up at district

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Taylor Cundy of West Lorne. Taylor was 2nd runner up of five speakers at the district level Oratorical competition in Wallacetown on April 18.

Taylor was so excited and says she wished to could try out again next year but she will be over the age limit.

Also a big congratulations to Taylor's mom, Star Cundy.

Star was the winner of the Chinese auction prize held at the district with proceeds going to O.I.

We will be welcoming Star as our newest member at our meeting on May 21.



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## Southwestern Ontario Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign

Representatives of the Southwestern Ontario Children's Hospital were guest speakers at the most recent zone meeting hosted by the Ridgetown Club.

Following a delicious meal, members attending were introduced to a new program to help and support children with many diseases by guest speakers Jill Stockwell and Laura Harmer.

Children continue to receive treatments and care for different types of cancer and other life threatening diseases. One of the support methods used by hospital personnel to aid and motivate sick kids while they must undergo many different treatments is to offer the kids **BRavery BEADS**. These treatments and tests can be very painful and the Bravery Beads are given to the child to represent each step of their treatment and steps towards recovery.

The Children's Hospital has requested

that Optimist members of the Southwestern Ontario District pledge towards this program. The cost to maintain and expand this program can cost about \$26,000.00 per year. If you recall, our organization was the first ever to become a million dollar contributor to the Children's Hospital in which we are all very proud of.

A motion was made at our meeting held May 1 to pledge \$500.00 per year to this program. It was decided that we will host a second Casino bus trip on September 12 to raise funds to contribute to this well worth while program.

We are proud to serve the needs of all our young people and we hope you can have the chance to join us on our Casino trip to the Fallsview Casino.



### Bravery Beads (l to r) Jill Stockwell, Ridgetown Opt.

Pres. Sandy Parmley and Laura Harmer at the Zone meeting hosted by the Ridgetown club on April 7.

## Canada Day celebration just around the corner

Canada Day is fast approaching. This means fireworks, food booth, car show and many new activities in the planning. Our annual car show will be held on Sunday, June 28, preceding the Canada Day celebrations on Wednesday, July 1.

A new event introduced at this year's event is a yard sale/bake sale to be held at Miller Park in West Lorne on July 1. Our club will be participating at this sale and it would be much appreciated if you could join us or possibly donate any items towards the yard sale or baked goods. It's a great way to get rid of that stuff you don't want hanging around anymore and also makes for a great fundraiser. We will host the sale along side the splash pad, our latest big project, and it is anticipated to be a very busy time. This will be a great opportunity to promote the great things we do in our community.

## Scheduled date for food booth fundraising

Our food booth is one of our main sources for fundraising. We have dates already booked to be serving up our burgers, hot dogs and fries and we even have the staff prepared for the dates.

May 23 and 24

Deleware Horse Show at Via Trailers

June 28

Optimist Car Show at Miller Park

July 1 (Happy Birthday Canada)

Miller Park and Arena for Canada Day Celebrations

July 18

Lakewood Trailer Park Breakfast

August 15 (this date is questionable)

West Elgin Soccer League Cup Day at Miller Park Soccer Field

Optimist's...  
Bringing out  
the best  
in kids!

## Nominations and Elections 2009/10

Optimist Lt. Governor Ken Neil presided our nominations and election meeting held May 1. We congratulate the incoming board of directors for the 2009/10 year. Board members are as follows:

PRESIDENT	Optimist Ted Johnston
PAST PRESIDENT	Optimist Nancy Murray
VICE PRESIDENT	Optimist Isabel Lewis
SECRETARY	Optimist Kathy Johnston
TREASURER	Optimist Dorothy Staddon
2yr. DIRECTORS	Optimist Diane Downie
	Optimist Grace Audet
	Optimist Ken Neil
1yr. DIRECTORS	Optimist Doug Staddon
	Optimist Bill Trask
	Optimist Bill Lewis

## THE OPTIMIST CREED

### Promise Yourself ...

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.