



THE HARD OIL NEWS

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President's Prattle

It is a great honour to be your Club President again. I have and will continue to have a great deal of pride in what are Club accomplishments year in and year out. We truly do our best for the kids in our community. Over the coming year we will be again offering many opportunities for the young people of Petrolia and its environs to develop their skills, their confidence and their pride. Please be a part of that by offering your services in one or more of the many projects we take on. At the up-coming dinner meeting I will be handing around a list of the activities we have run over the last several years. Please find at least one if not 4 or 5 that you can help with.

I would be remiss if I did not commend past-President Bruce for his hard work and dedication to our Club and our goals. We had another great year under his leadership.

In closing, I would encourage all of you to feel a part of the leadership of our group. If you have a new idea or a twist on an existing project please feel free to approach either myself or any of the Executive with your thoughts so that we can discuss them at our next meeting and possibly add to what we do for the kids!

Yours in Optimism
Ted

Hope you had a wonderful
Thanksgiving Weekend!

Remember to read our monthly newsletters to win great prizes at our dinner meetings!

September's question was....

In the September newsletter all July, August & September Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries and Club Anniversaries, adding up these celebrations for the months of July & August only, how many were there?

1-10, 11-20, 21-30 or 31-40

Answer: 21-30 (21 to be exact).....Our lucky winner was Optimist Louise A. She one a one of a kind green metal water bottle with our Optimist logo engraved on it!

If there is something you wish to be included in upcoming newsletters,
please contact Optimist Penny 519-882-1408 or thecoxfamilysix@brktel.on.ca

October Birthdays

7th
Ted Gravelle

13th
Lindsay Ward

17th
Ross Ellsworth

Oct. 19th
Rick Devolder

21st
Bill Field

24th
Laurissa Ellsworth

26th
Deb Kohoutek

Meet your 2018-2019 Executive.....

President: Ted Gravelle
1st VP: Joe Sauve
2nd VP: VACANT
Secretary: Luanne Watt
Treasurer: Carol Watt
Int. Past President: Bruce Cox

1 year Directors
Pam Core
Cheryl Dewhirst
Debi Normandeau

2 year Directors
Marg Karr
Jo-Anne Whitlaw
Krystie Whitlaw

Thank you for volunteering!

October Wedding Anniversaries

10th
Maurice & Mary McAuslan
43yrs
Rick & Christa Devolder
3yrs

24th
Bob & Sandi Haines
8yrs

October Club Anniversaries

2nd
Rich Goodhand 10 yrs

3rd
Linda Scales 26 yrs

8th
Penny Cox 7 yrs
Marcy Langford 14 yrs

21st
Denise Cook 25 yrs

24th
Laurissa Ellsworth 13 yrs
Ross Ellsworth 13 yrs

*Apples,
Pumpkins,
& Pears,
Oh my!*



**AUTUMN IS A SECOND SPRING,
WHERE EVERY LEAF IS A FLOWER!**

October Board Meeting Highlights...Next Business Meeting, Nov. 7th, 6:30pm, YMCA

Donation requests / Sponsorships: \$5550 disbursed, Q.E.II School, Centennial School, Petrolia Silver Stick, Lambton Centre, Petrolia Legion (Remembrance Day Wreath), Christmas For Everyone, Pediatric Pillowcase Program

Meat Raffles: They are going great!

Cross Country: Was to be held October 3rd, but was cancelled due to the excessive rainfall and ground conditions at Bridgeview Park. Safety of the children running was a priority. Medals can be fixed to use next year.

Craft & Gift Show: This fundraiser is well underway. **Please see announcement**

Petrolia Christmas Weekend: Nov 30th & Dec. 1. We are planning to participate again this year with Santa at The Centre (name adjustment?), Santa Parade and Angel Tree. Optimist Cheryl D. will chair the Parade Float. Angel Tree donation recipients will be Petrolia Food Bank and Community Life Centre.

Petrolia Fair Weekend: A huge success! Thank you volunteers! We have received a donation from Petrolia Ag Society for our volunteers working at the beer tent. Toonie table a great success.

NOW Meeting: **Please see announcement.**

Terry Fox Run: We handed out FREE hotdogs & beverages.

Oratorical Contest: Optimist Janet H. will again, chair this event for us. Krista M. will help us out at L.C.C.V.I.

Essay Contest: President Ted G. will again, chair this event for us with help from Krista M. .

October 'Comfort Food' Potluck Dinner Meeting & Installation of 2017-2018 Executive



Wednesday, October 24th ~ 6:30pm ~ at The Centre

Bring your favourite comfort food main dish, salad or dessert!

Dress in your Halloween Colours!



Optimist Penny C. will be sending out friendly reminders, please RSVP!

**Mark
Your
Calendar**



November Dinner Meeting ~ Nov. 28th

If you know of anyone who would be a great Optimist and may be interested in joining our Club please let Optimist Ted G. know ASAP, so invitations can be sent out soon. THANK YOU!



CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

**NEW LOCATION! ~ ONE DAY ONLY!
LARGER VENUE! ~ MORE VENDORS!**

New Life Assembly Church
421 Oozloffsky St., Petrolia

**Saturday, November 3rd
9am - 5pm**

Start your Christmas shopping early!
UNIQUE GIFT IDEAS ~ SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

FREE Admission ~ Toonie Table Raffle
Door Prizes ~ Food & Refreshments Available

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For more information
please contact:

Deb Kohoutek
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519-882-2918

Optimist Deb K. is again, chairing this event. We are looking for volunteers to put up posters, set-up, take down, make chili, serve food, sell toonie table raffle tickets, greet people as they come in.

If you are able to help out with any of these areas, please contact her at d_kohoutek@hotmail.com or 519-882-2918

CAREER DAY

Tuesday, November 13th ~ 10:30am - 2:00pm
New Life Assembly

This is when local Grade 7/8 students get a chance to hear from professionals in various areas of employment. We also provide lunch for everyone in attendance. If you know of anyone who would be a good speaker or if you would like to help out, please speak with Optimist Ted ASAP 519-882-1255



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
SWONT DISTRICT - 45
2018/19



REV'D UP FOR OPTIMISM
Governor - Cheryl Bolton

Wishing Governor Cheryl Bolton a wonderful year, as she leads this great District of ours.

Thank you, Imm. Past Gov. Mary Lou Abrams, for your wonderful leadership this past year.

Thank you, Optimist Louise Reek for a great year as being our LT of our Zone.

Welcome to Optimist Carla Aarssen, who will be our LT for our 2018 - 2019 year!

COME OUT TO SOME UPCOMING MEETINGS & MEET SOME FELLOW OPTIMISTS FROM OTHER CLUBS!

Zone Dinner Meeting
Tues., Oct. 23rd ~ 7pm ~ Oil Springs Community Centre
The Club will pay for your meal. Please let President Ted G. know by Oct. 15th, if you will be attending.

1st SWONT District Quarter Conference
Nov. 16th & 17th ~ St. Thomas ~ Stoneridge Inn
If you wish to attend, the Club will pay for your registration. Please contact President Ted G. for more info.