



THE HARD OIL NEWS

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President's Prattle

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

I can't say that enough to show my appreciation to the members, who have been active and ready to lend a helping hand when the need arose and because of this, our Club is known well in our community and we are very much appreciated by the residents of Petrolia and area.

The summer, as was, the whole year, has been busy with the various events and activities, but that just seems to be the normal for us. We continue to challenge ourselves to provide the youth of this community a better opportunity to be the best they can. We are doing that, but I believe there are more opportunities and challenges, so if you have an idea on what we should be doing, let the executive know, they are always listening for new ideas.

I wish Ted and his executive all the best in the new year, but as I have said before, it is only us that knows there is a change on Oct 1, our programs for the youth don't change and with the continued help from all of you, the people will continue to see the great Club that we are.

I hope you can make it out to our dinner meeting on the 26th, to witness the passing of the gavel over to Ted and also hear about our most recent activities.

Thanks for the great year

President Bruce

The role of a
GREAT LEADER
is not to give
greatness to
human beings, but
to help them extract
the greatness
they already have
inside them.

THANK YOU, PRESIDENT BRUCE FOR A
WONDERFUL YEAR IN OPTIMISM!

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

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

~ My apologies for any errors or omissions that I may have made
while putting the newsletter together ~

Sincerely, Optimist Penny

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!



**AUTUMN
IS A
SECOND
SPRING
WHEN
EVERY
LEAF IS A
FLOWER.
ALBERT CAMUS**

**CLUB
ANNIVERSARIES**

July

20th Bruce Cox 24 yrs
Vicky Humphrey 24 yrs

August

6th Christa Devolder 3 yrs
6th Rick Devolder 3 yrs
16th Heather Blancher 2 yr
16th Sherril King 2 yr

September

26th Deb Kohoutek 6 yrs
28th Dylan Cox 2 yr
30th Cheryl Dewhirst 22 yrs

**WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

July

7th Tammy & Dwayne Grexton 1 yr
21st Steve & Lisa McGrail 17 yrs
30th Keith & Bernida Allen 62 yrs

August

6th Mark & Pam Core 35 yrs
15th Deb & Mark Kohoutek 20 yrs
16th Rich & Kendra Goodhand ?? yrs
16th Brent & Katherine Gravelle 10 yrs
19th Al & Marcy Langford ?? yrs

September

8th Brenda & Jason Wilson ?? yrs
13th Bill & Denise Cook 10 yrs
17th Jamie & Chriss Vansickle 41 yrs
23rd Mary & Patrick Malito 12 yrs



BIRTHDAYS

July

21st Kim Walko
22nd Bruce Cox

August

12th Jonathan Krall
22nd Vicky Humphrey
24th Cheryl Dewhirst
26th Debi Normandeau
27th Allison Mevis

September

2nd Brian Johnson

Sending warm thoughts and prayers to Optimist Keith A. while he recovers from suffering a stroke while in the hospital for heart surgery. Our condolences went out to Optimist Janet (Gary) & Optimist Jordan Hardy and their families on the passing of Bernard "Bernie" Dillon (Uncle/ Great-uncle) and Kirk Hardy (Nephew/Cousin), who both passed away in July.

**SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING POTLUCK ~ Fall Theme
Wednesday, September 26th ~ 7pm ~ Petrolia YMCA**

Optimist Penny will be sending out a friendly reminder. Please RSVP if you will be attending and what you will be bringing....salad, main dish or dessert. If you are unable to bring a dish, a contribution of \$5 would be appreciated.

September Board Meeting Highlights

Monetary donations / Sponsorships: \$350 dispersed Hussars (Cadets and Petrolia Agricultural Society for the Ambassador Program.

Weekly Meat Raffles: They are going well **Please see newsletter announcement**

Canada Day Update: Had a wonderful day with several members present. People in attendance enjoyed our FREE activities. We look forward to next year! Very warm... thank goodness for the trees in Bridgeview Park.

Food Booth: Optimist Bruce reported that the food booth is doing extremely well. Some new events were added this year

Craft & Gift Show: New location, larger venue, one day only, more vendors. **Please see newsletter announcement.**

Cross Country Run: This year's event will be held Wed., Oct. 3rd at 9:30am Bridgeview Park, north side. Please watch for emails for information.

Petrolia Fair: Everything is good to go!

Kerr Park Scarecrow: thank you Optimist Carol W. for overseeing this fun community project.

International Convention: Optimist Ted G. attended this in Ottawa. He was also very proud to be on stage during the presentation of the Club of the year. It was noted that 8 out of a possible 3000 Clubs were on stage representing their club, 3 of which were from our District of Southwestern Ontario. Congratulations go out to the Optimist Club of Riverside (Windsor ON) for winning the Club of the Year Award. .

District Convention: It was a great and successful weekend.

District 1st Quarter Conference will be held Fri., Nov. 16th & 17th in St. Thomas/London at Stoneridge Best Western Our club will pay your registration fee. If you are interested attending, please feel free to contact President Ted.

Next Business Meeting: Wed., Oct.3rd ~ 7pm at Petrolia YMCA or President Ted's home.... Location to be decided.

Busy In Our Community....



THURSDAY NIGHT MEAT RAFFLE

Every Thursday ~ 6 pm ~ Crabby Joe's

If you are able to help out any Thursday evening,
Please contact: Optimist Cheryl 519-882-0634 or
Optimist Ted 519-882-1255

Thank You!

*To all Club members and their families,
who volunteered to make our following
summer events & activities a success!*

Weekly Meat Raffles

Petrolia Famers Market

50/50 Draws

Pizzafest

Food Booth / Cold Beverages / Candy Kabobs

Pack The Park in Wyoming

Food Booth

3rd Annual Gold Bat Mosquito Ball Tournament

Food Booth

Canada Day FREE Activities & Fishing Derby

Storybook Reading Fair & Craft Table, Basket Draws,
Food Booth, Kid's Picnic Games, Plinko Game

Petrolia Barn Dance

Food Booth

Rookie River League Ball Tournament

Food Booth

Petrolia Day Celebrations

Food Booth

Petrolia & Enniskillen Fall Fair

Tractor Pull Food Booth, Toonie Table, Beer Tent Servers/Tickets



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

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

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



THANK YOU!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Optimists Ted G., Janet H. Carol W., Penny C. Cheryl D., Tammy G., Luanne W., Rick & Christa D., and Bruce C. who volunteered during the Convention's Friday Fun Night, which was our Club's responsibility to organize. Congratulations Governor Mary Lou on a great year in Optimism



