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"Co-Operation & Communication Grows Friendship"

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR BILL

Spring is here. Warm weather makes everyone anxious to get busy with all their outdoor activities. I have enjoyed reading about the many activities you and your Clubs are doing from your newsletters. Congratulations!!

Past Governor Mark Kerr has visited many Clubs with the Internet Safety program. Mark would like feed-back from the clubs, as this program will be run for many years to come.

Third Quarter Board is on May 15th. Plan to come to hear the amazing Oratorical speeches and the winning essay for the District along with the Spelling Bee winners.

Past Governor Dianne Josling along with Governor Elect Catherine and team are working on the Exeter New Club build. The Optimist Club of Normanby has staked Walkerton. Thanks to all the Optimists and Clubs for their tremendous work.

Membership is an important part of every Club. We all need to work together to grow our membership, which will benefit the Youth of our Communities. Past Governor Bob McFadyen will be happy to attend any N.O.W. meetings which you plan.

There are so many activities going on that it is hard to attend everything, but please keep asking, as I will try to come if I can. I do enjoy visiting our Clubs across our wonderful District.

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I read this article that said the typical symptoms of stress are eating too much, impulse buying, and driving too fast. Are they kidding? That's my idea of a perfect day!

Live Simple - Laugh Often - Love Deeply



DID YOU KNOW???

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 to 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.

Optimist International®

- **THE GUELPH OPTIMIST CLUB IS CELEBRATING THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY JUNE 26, 2010 AT THEIR CLUB HOUSE WITH A DINNER AND DANCE.** This is something to party about as they are a club still going strong. Let's as a District get behind them and help celebrate it. Thanks, Lt.Gov. Larry
- **WEST CAMBRIDGE OPTIMIST CLUB** just celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a special day with 3 Charter members still very active in the club. Looking forward to the next 25 years. Thanks, President Larry
- That only approximately **30 CLUBS HAVE SUBMITTED** their Historian Report for the 2009-2010 year. Is your club one of them?
- **Egremont Optimist Club** held an Easter egg hunt for over 100 children.
- The **Optimist Club of Ellice** had a road side cleanup with the local Scouts.
- The **Optimist Club of New Hamburg** will be hosting a Ladies Night on May 3rd.
- The **Kitchener-Southwest Optimist Club** has four members attending HOBY weekend.
- Your **Achievements & Awards Reports** should be sent in Quarterly!
- The **Optimist Club of St. Jacobs** is planning a Family Event in May or June!
- The **Optimist Club of Fanshaw London, Inc.** had a speaker from the Special Olympics at their dinner meeting.
- The **Optimist Club of Normanby Township** held a NOW Mystery Dinner meeting and a successful Trivia Night.
- The **Optimist Club of Sebringville** hosted 58 children at their Super Saturday Bowling event.
- The **Optimist Club of Mornington** had Marilyn Dale, volunteer at the 2010 Olympics as a guest speaker.



“A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your Heart” Anon

“Having a place to go - is a home. Having someone to love – is a family.” Donna Hedges

UP AND COMING OPTIMIST OPPORTUNITIES!

Spring is truly here and now is the time to be watering the seeds of opportunity and of leadership that were planted earlier in the season.

There are so many ways for a club member to grow in their leadership abilities - chair a committee, be a member of their board, or stepping up to the challenge of club president.

Just as clubs need members to take on the leadership role of chairing a club program, our district also needs members to refresh our programs. When we give each other the opportunity to grow and to take on new challenges, we also grow.

I am excited by the number of optimists that have said YES I will try something new this year! How about you? Do you get excited when a new program starts up in your club? Do you wonder what will happen when a new club member chairs a club program?

Perhaps you have thought; how do I become a District leader? Truly we are only limited by our own imaginations! Call or email and let me know how you would like to grow this year,

Catherine Herdman
Governor-Elect
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Lieutenant Governor Training - June 12th 2010

This will be a full day of training - come prepared to have fun, to learn and to enjoy good food! Each incoming Lt. Governor will be contacted regarding the location of this training.

Parallel Conference October 22 - 24, 2010 Niagara Falls Ontario

Friday afternoon we will participate in group discussions about membership, JOOI clubs - new ideas, inspiring interaction, creating energy and excitement. Each District will also have their own meeting time and we will come back together in the evening for hospitality and fellowship.

Saturday will provide the choice between 12 different workshops, lunch together and an opportunity to spend time with our incoming International President Danny Rodgers.

Sunday, will continue very specific training for club presidents and other district leaders.

Watch for future updates which will include details of registration fee, workshop topics and room pricing.

Promise Yourself... to Build our Future

Are



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WALK?



At some point, a special someone came into your community bringing with them hope, vision and a commitment to a better future. That someone, along with others of the same mind and dedication, spent countless hours banding together local community - minded residents... people, like you. Those visits, countless hours of canvassing and dedication to the future brought your Optimist Club to life. Your community has been enriched by the presence of Optimist International. Your family life has been enriched by your commitment to the Creed.

The childhood days of the youngsters in your community have been enriched by the attention and friendship you - as an Optimist - have given them. All this happened because members of another Optimist Club cared enough to stake your area, plan a club build and then they 'walked the walk'.

There are many special some ones out there this year, working on your behalf to build Optimist Clubs in our District. London East and Downie are building in Exeter, Normanby is building in Walkerton and Sydenham is committed to a build in Warton. Tavistock is interested in placing Optimism in a community, as is Cambridge West and Kitchener-Southwest. Thank you to everyone who is taking part in these efforts.

To date 14 Optimists have experienced new community building for the first time. The 2009-2010 goal is 20. We are working on the third club. The goal is a minimum of 5. The NCB handbook is online at www.optimist.org. It's time to take up the cause. It's time to give to others what you have been given. It's time for you to 'walk the walk' into a stronger future for Optimist International. If you don't do it, who will? Be part of *Building the Future of Optimism - one member, one club at a time.*

NCB Chair
Dianne Josling
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CPA BOOKS NEED A RIDE!

This year any CPA Books should be picked up by the Lt. Governors and taken to District Convention in August.

Club Presidents please advise the persons looking after this project and ensure your Lt. Gov. receives your CPA entry for District Convention.

WELCOME WELLESLEY & DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUB!



❖ check out The Optimist page 20 - 25 for Convention Day by Day

Optimist Day at Coors Field

High level Presidents-Elect training

Chaperones welcomed for youngest attendees

Sample Agendas for all types of attendees

Bring a hat for the 2010 Hat Luncheon

Purses are needed for OI Silent Auction

Get your ducks in a row

OI Foundations Workshops a great way to learn what's going on

Meet the Keynote Speaker "The Nametag Guy", Scott Ginsberg

Don't forget your camera for any photo ops that will be sure to enhance your Club Scrapbook.!

Join Mark and Carol Kerr as they enjoy a Rocky Mountain High In Denver 2010

If you have any questions regarding Convention in Denver I am sure Mark would be more than happy to help you.

We are pleased to announce the launch of The Wellesley and District Optimist Club. The Club was officially chartered on January 25th, 2010 in the Town of Wellesley with 36 members from across the Township.

Our positive approach, our upbeat outlook, and our commitment to creating a more optimistic future for kids is what differentiates Optimist Clubs from any other volunteer opportunity.

Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month and we are always looking for new members to join and help shape the future of our community and the club.

Our Charter Gala is going to be held on Saturday, May 8th, 2010 at the Wellesley Arena.

It will be an evening for the communities to meet the members and find out more about what the Club plans for our local children. There will be a full course dinner, induction ceremony, dancing, games and prizes. Tickets for the event are \$25.00 person for the dinner and dance and \$10.00 person for the dance only.

For More Information on the Optimist Club or Charter Gala
Contact Matt Livingstone
Charter President, 519.656.9587
Email: matthew.livingstone@rogers.com



One of life's mysteries is how a 2-pound box of chocolates can make a person gain 5 lbs.

CCC NEWS

Well done to all clubs for your continued hard work for this most worthwhile cause. If your club would like to donate directly to the Childhood Cancer Campaign, please remember that *cheques should be made out to Optimist International Foundation Canada, with "CCC" in the memo line.*

The **London Challenge Bowling** fundraiser on Saturday, February 20, was very successful and \$430.00 was raised for Childcan. Tune up your throwing arm for the **Plunger Plop, May 8** at the Southwest Kitchener club. All proceeds to be split between the OI Foundation and the CCC.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

*Childhood Cancer Campaign
Chairperson,
Jackie Kinder
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The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you are doing, someone else does.

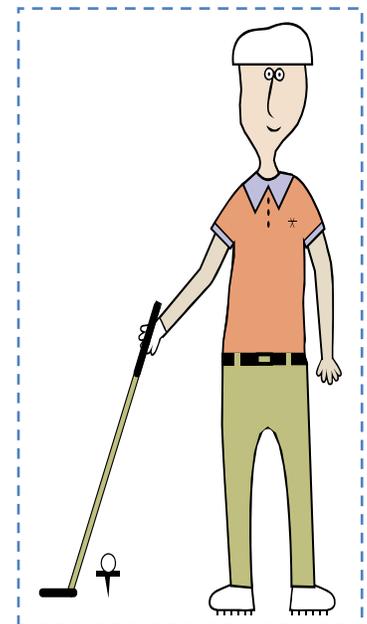
Optimist International Foundation

May 8-Plunger Plop! - at Kitchener-Southwest \$200 a team \$50 per person registration at 10:00 a.m. includes lunch, let Betty know.

OI Foundation Golf at St. Mary's - June 19 Sponsor a Hole for \$100 or play Golf for \$ 100 with cart. Steak dinner included and prizes. Call or email Betty.

Yours in Optimism,

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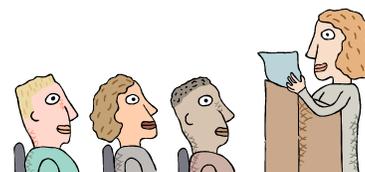


**We Need You!**

A leader by definition is one with a vision and goal who guides and shows the way on a path or journey. It is time to step up to the challenge and come to the support of our growing Midwestern Ontario District of Optimist International. It is time to be counted as a positive asset in order to maintain the viability of our strengthening clubs and zones. I urge all of you to consider leadership roles in your local clubs, zones and district. Elections for executives for the New Year begin in April. Please do not forget to send in election reports so Governor Elect Catherine can prepare her directories.

Please look into yourselves and recognize your strengths and talents share them in a leadership role. Become a strong partner on a team dedicated to the needs of our youth, investing in our future treasures today, developing self-esteem and confidence in our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren. Now is the time to take action. Please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your valued time and consideration.

Best regards,
Bob Keir
Immediate Past Governor
Candidate Qualifications
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THIRD QUARTER BOARD IS COMING!

Plan to attend the *3rd Quarter Board Saturday May 15 in Shakespeare at the Shakespeare Community Hall.*

This is our District Oratorical. Come out and support all of the contestants. Lunch will be a barbecue in support of our Optimist International Foundation.

Our **District Convention** is fast approaching **August 20-22** in Brantford at the Best Western Brant Park Inn. The convention committee is working very hard to make this the best convention ever.

*District Convention Chair,
Ann Tosheff*

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2009 – 2010 Dates to Remember:

All Year Long Youth Appreciation & Respect for Law

- January 1 Submit Second Quarter Optimist International dues.
- February 1-28 Oratorical Contest Month - Topic: "*Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem?*"
- 5 District Executive Meeting.....Location: Delta Hotel, 105 King St. E, Kitchener
- 6 SECOND QUARTER BOARD... (*Awards Banquet*): Delta Hotel, 105 King St. E, Kitchener
- 28 Club deadline to submit winning essays to Optimist Merideth Marton, Chairperson, District Essay Contest.
- March 20 District Executive Meeting.....Location: To Be Announced
(tentative)
- April 1 - 30 Hold club officer elections for the 2010-2011 Optimist Year.
- 1 Submit Second Half of Midwestern Ontario District dues to District Secretary/Treasurer Wally Van Niekerk.
- 1 Submit Third Quarter Optimist International dues.
- 15 District deadline to submit Essay Contest winner to Optimist International.
- 24 Deadline for THIRD QUARTER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER to Bulletin Editor Jennifer Zurbrigg.
- May 8 District O.I.F. Plunger Plop.....Location: South West Kitchener Club, Kitchener
- 15 THIRD QUARTER BOARD (*Oratorical Contest*)...Location: Shakespeare Community Hall, Shakespeare
- 20 Club Officer-Elect Report for due to O.I. Canadian Service Centre, Governor, Governor-Elect, etc.
- June 1 - 30 Optimist International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- 15 District deadline to submit Oratorical winners to Optimist International.
- 19 District O.I.F. Golf Tournament.....Location: St. Mary's Golf & Country Club, St. Marys
- 19 Anniversary of Optimist International (1919)
- July 1 Submit Fourth Quarter Optimist International dues
- 1 District deadline to submit Oratorical winners to Optimist International
- 7 - 10 Optimist International Convention.....Location: Denver, Colorado
(tentative)17 District Executive Meeting.....Location: To Be Announced
- 28 Deadline for FOURTH QUARTER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER to Bulletin Editor Jennifer Zurbrigg.
- August 7 Deadline to submit "*Memorial Service Information*" for to District Secretary/Treasurer Optimist Wally Van Niekerk (see page 65)
- 20 -22 DISTRICT CONVENTION.....Location: Brant Park Inn, 19 Holiday Dr., Brantford
- Sept 30 Club deadline to submit 2009-2010 *President's Pride Report* to Optimist International, Can.
- 30 Final *Club Roster Adjustments Forms* due to O.I. Canadian Service Centre
- 30 Club deadline to submit *Childhood Cancer Recognition Awards Report* to Optimist International - see O.I. website: www.optimist.org (Forms/C.C.C./Optimist Club Recognition Report)
- 30 Club deadline to submit CPA Book entries to Optimists Joan & Ray McArdle, Chairpersons, Club Activities
- 30 Celebration of our 2009-2010 "*Co-operation & Communication Grows Friendship*" year.

CONVENTION AMBASSADOR 2009-10 MAKES AN APPEAL

INTERNATIONAL

President Mark and the board of Directors have proclaimed April as Optimist Internet Safety month. It is our job to make sure everyone knows about it. Please promote the Internet Safety month in your club and present one (1) Faux Paw or Adult Education Internet Safety Program during the month of April. I'm looking for success stories for the Faux Paw and the Adult Education Internet Safety Program. We need to share our experiences with other Districts.

*Past Gov. /Internet
Safety Chair
Mark Kerr*



Good Day Optimist Club!

At this time every year we send out requests to clubs looking for a donation to help offset the costs of the Ontario Hospitality room at International Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Well, here it is.

If your club could afford to send \$50 or \$100 or more, it would be greatly appreciated. You should know that the purpose of this room is not just to have a good time. In this room we lobby people to support ideas that have come out of our District in regard to dues, structure and things like that.

We also have a reputation as the second best hospitality at International. We would like to change that this year.

We will also be in touch with the people from our district who will be attending International Convention for smaller items that each of them will be asked to bring. We look for all items "Canadian", the dollar stores are a great place to find these items. If your club could find a way to donate a few of these items it would again be appreciated.

You can send your donations to:

Wally Van Niekerk - District Secretary Treasurer
6 Spruce Lane
New Hamburg, ON N3G 2G6

We are looking forward to an Optimistic response from our Midwestern Ontario Optimist Clubs.

Yours in Optimist

Mark Kerr
Past Governor 2006-07
Convention Ambassador 2009-10

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92nd Optimist International Convention

July 8-10, 2010
Denver, Colorado

Don't miss out on all of the excitement as folks travel to the "Mile High City" to attend the 92nd annual International Convention, the perfect blend of outdoor adventure and urban sophistication. That's the duality locals love about Denver, Colorado.

The Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel is your ultimate destination. All Convention activities will take place in this spectacular facility.

Mark your calendars for July 8, 9 and 10, 2010.

A condensed three-day Convention schedule allows for more time to see the sights. You won't want to miss it!

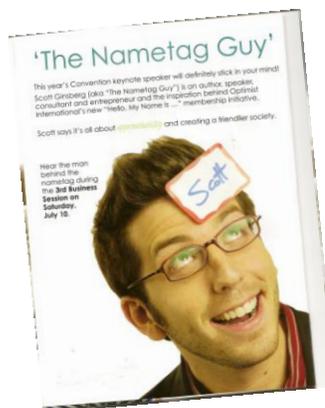
Registration

Online registration for the 2010 Convention is now available!

Register online

Download a registration form

(to submit by mail or fax)



In keeping with Governor Bill's commitment to promoting communication, the following is provided for your information:

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"Deadline for submission for MWO Newsletter for the Fourth Quarter is July 28th, 2010."

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Subject Line:
'MWO Newsletter Report'

Please indicate the above in the subject line. We get many emails and this makes it easier for my better half not to delete the message in error. Thanks. jz