



Be
...Excited
...Engaged
For the children!

MWO 2010 - 2011

MWO NEWSLETTER

August 2011

Volume 24, Issue 4

MWO Governor
Catherine Herdman
27 Yarwood Street
St Thomas ON N5P 2Y2
Phone: 519.642.1879
Email: optimistcatherine@gmail.com

Websites:

www.optimistmwo.on.ca
www.optimist.org
www.optimistleaders.org
www.optimist.mail.org

In this Issue

- District Convention News
- Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation
- Convention Report
- A & A Report
- Childhood Cancer Campaign
- Trivia
- About Optimism
- Dates to Remember
- Farewell from BE

MID WESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 46

Promise yourself, to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others...taken from the Optimist Creed.

The Governor's Report

Here we are, just two months left in our year...I trust that we will all finish strong. Certainly, clubs have been engaged all year long and I know that you do create excitement for the children in your communities with the programs you provide for them.

I believe that you are an amazing group of individuals, and I am honoured to be your Governor this year! Together we have served an additional 4865 children with the new members added so far.

I have been told that September is the month where people turn towards volunteering. They are looking for a way to connect with their community and to give of their time. Let's grasp that opportunity.

Although we are closing in on the end of our year, it doesn't mean we stop providing service or adding more members. I am asking every club to conduct a membership drive in the month of September. Please add the new members as soon as possible, don't wait, get them on board and give

them something to do. People join service organizations to do something positive for their community. When we become involved in providing service, we build up our sense of community within ourselves, which allows us to actively improve our neighbourhood and our own lives.

A quick reminder for club presidents and secretaries, please make sure that you have filled in your Awards and Achievements Report and send it to our district chairperson, Optimist Cathy Hallman. If you have not completed your report quarterly, please fill in for the year and submit it either by email or regular mail. You can also give these reports to your Lieutenant Governor, and have them forward your report along to Optimist Cathy. Optimist Cathy has moved her mailing address is: 1159 Lancaster St., London, N5V2L4. You can email your report to cmjhallman@hotmail.com.



Continued next page.....



2010-2011 25th Annual Convention

Please be sure to send club delegates to the upcoming district convention. There will be a good number of training sessions that your membership will find valuable. As well we need to vote on some motions concerning policy changes and membership dues, during the convention meeting. I encourage you to be informed, increase your knowledge and exercise your authority.

Training Session Topics:

**President-Elect,
Personal Growth & Involvement, Club Success "What do members want today",
Lieutenant Governor, Club Secretary/Treasurer, Membership, Childhood Cancer Campaign, HOBY, JOOI, Membership Retention, Internet Safety**

Training Sessions will run in the morning and in the afternoon.

Gov. Catherine

Thank you to everyone who has supported our own charity, the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation, formerly known as the Optimist International Foundation of Canada. Our district Foundation Representative, Optimist George DeWys has done an outstanding job of raising funds and raising awareness! Please be sure to take a moment and thank Optimist George for his tireless dedication to our foundation!

Yours in Optimism,
Governor Catherine
MWO District 2010-2011



The Governor's Report.cont'd

25th Annual Midwestern Ontario District Convention

Friday August 12 2011

Registration 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies 7:30 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.

Saturday August 13 2011

Registration from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fellowship Breakfast 6:59 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

General Session Meeting 9:00 a.m.

District Luncheon 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Board of Directors 1:30 p.m.
Convention Meeting (short break between BOD & Convention Meetings)

"Be Excited, Be Engaged, Be for the Children" Dinner

Social 6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment by The Original Kids Theatre Company

Sunday August 14 2011

District Team Luncheon 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation

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 fund raising for the foundation is going well.

I would especially like to thank all those who helped in any way with our recent Golf Tournament. To those who sponsored holes, to the golfers, and to all those who made donations towards our gift table, a big thank-you. Without your support our golf tournament would not have been the success that it was.

The Optimist year is slowly coming to an end, so I would ask any of you who have plans to donate to the foundation in any way, to do so as soon as possible. Dime a day pins are still available if anyone would like to purchase one. Also, clubs, if you are planning on sending a donation of \$500.00, I would be more that pleased to present you with a framed print at the convention.

Once again, thanks for your support. See you at the convention.

Optimistically yours,

**George De Wys
DFR 2010-2011
gdewys@quadro.net**





Family Encouragement

Mary was having a tough day and had stretched herself out on the couch to do a bit of what she thought to be well-deserved complaining and self-pitying.

She moaned to her mom and brother, "Nobody loves me ... the whole world hates me!"

Her brother, busily occupied playing a game, hardly looked up at her and passed on this encouraging word: "That's not true, Mary. Some people don't even know you."



CONVENTION REPORT

Plan to attend the 25th annual District Convention, August 12-14, 2011 at the Four Points Sheridan in London. The weekend is going to be great and the Convention Committee has been working very hard to make this an enjoyable weekend. There is great training planned and lots of fun and fellowship.

Spouses - For an alternative activity - Join us on Saturday for two great tours - Grand Theatre and Eldon House with lunch included in the cost of only \$35.00.

Ann Tosheff
Convention Chair

Friendship

In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.

-Albert Schweitzer

Achievement & Awards Program

Attention all Presidents - the time is moving towards the end of your year as President. Just a reminder you will want to get your **A & A Quarterly Report** completed. Once completed you can mail or email it to me - whichever works for you - my address is:
1159 Lancaster Street,
London, Ontario N5V 2L4
my email is:
cmjhallman@hotmail.com

I trust you're enjoying these lazy, hazy days of summer - soon Sept will start and you'll be busy with Optimist club events.

Please get the A & A Quarterly Report to me by **end of October 2011.**
Thank you.

Looking forward to getting your **A & A Quarterly Reports** and in Feb at Quarter Board, giving you your well deserved patches for your club banner (and trophies).

Thank you.
Cathy Hallman
A & A Chair
cmjhallman@hotmail.com





About Optimism

Meeting the needs of young people in communities worldwide, Optimist Clubs have been "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" since 1919. Optimist Clubs conduct positive service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth.

Club members are best known in their communities for their upbeat attitudes. By believing in young people and empowering them to be the best they can, Optimist volunteers continually make this world a better place in which to live.

There are 87,000 individual members who belong to 2,900 autonomous Clubs. Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects each year, serving six million young people. Optimists also spend \$78 million on their communities annually.

Childhood Cancer Campaign

Hello Fellow Optimists! I hope everyone is having a good, safe summer! I would like to thank the Optimist Clubs that have donated to the Childhood Cancer Campaign, thank you for your support. It is hard to believe our youth getting cancer or experiencing the illness, but if we can help raise money to help these young people, or even find a cure it would be wonderful, and well worth it! I will be holding a Golf/Mini-Golf Tournament at East Park Golf in London on Saturday, September 17th. It is my hope that Optimists, along with their families/spouses, will be able to participate so that it is more fun and family oriented. Last year we raised over \$700 for Childcan with your help, I am Optimistic that we will beat that amount this year. If you can join me in this fight against childhood cancer please let me know as soon as possible. Deadline for entry is September 9th. Call for further information and/or to reserve your team. You can contribute in many ways, such as sponsoring a hole, or donating a prize, any contribution is appreciated! Please RSVP to Jerry Marton at 519-871-6374, Mailing address is 1345 Cheapside St. London, Ontario. N5V 3N9 (Only teams paid in advance of Sept. 9th, will be reserved) Thanks in advance.

Jerry Marton
Childhood Cancer Campaign Chair
MWO

Trivia Anyone?

What is the minimum number of musicians a band must have to be considered a "big band"?

A group of owls is called a _____. & In May 2011, Harold Camping made headlines for trying to predict what?

Have You Checked Lately?

Don't forget to check out Club Announcements on the Midwestern District of Optimist International site. You can also add your Club Announcements here as well. You just need your Club number to get started.



Keep Up All Your Good Work With the Kids!

All the Best Gov. Elect Ken!



The Optimist Club of Carling Heights is Hosting a Charity Golf Tournament

All Proceeds to Sponsor our Youth Programs

WHERE: At Dorchester on the Thames
Scramble Start (tee-off start at 12:15 p.m.)

WHEN: Saturday Aug. 27, 2011

COST: \$60.00 covers 18 holes of golf, Dinner & prizes

NOTE: Power carts not included in registration fee

- It is your responsibility to book your own power cart. \$11 per person

For More information contact:
Opt. President James O'Neill 519-451-2945
or email maidyeir@sympatico.ca



Trivia Anyone?

Answers: Ten; Parliament; The end of the world

From Your District Bulletin Editor- Well, ladies and gentlemen, this is my final District Newsletter for the 2010-2011 Optimist year. I hope I have passed on insightful reporting. For all those Optimists that have submitted reports, articles and pictures, I give you my gratitude because you are your District Newsletter. A special thanks to Optimists Vic and Gerry for their help in distributing the Newsletter to the District.

I wish all the best to the incoming Bulletin Editor.

Optimist Lyle and I are heading to Kenora for the birth of our grandchild expected on August 9th so we won't be able to attend Convention. Wishing you all the best fellow Optimists in all your endeavours. **BE Jennifer**