

MWO DISTRICT BULLETIN

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Message from Governor Ken

HAPPY EASTER!!

Greetings Fellow Optimists,

Easter Weekend has come and gone and we move into the second half of our "Encourage Youth – Secure Our Future" year! Joan and I hope you had a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

As we move into spring we experience that wonderful time of year for new growth. The grass is turning green, the trees are budding and the new plants are pushing up through the soil. Not only are we experiencing that growth naturally; we are experiencing new growth within our District. Since October 1st we have welcomed 111 new Optimist members and we are currently building four new clubs.

On April 17th I was fortunate enough to be present at the organizational night for the new Optimist Club of Baden. What a wonderful experience to witness a new club full of energy and desire to start "Bringing out the Best in Kids" within their community.

"Congratulations to all the new members of the Optimist Club of Baden and good luck with your future endeavors!"

This past weekend our District was fortunate enough to host a visit from our International President and First Lady. What a wonderful weekend!! A thank you goes out to those members who attended the dinner on Friday night and helped make the evening a great success. I would like to personally thank the members who made it happen and to those working the events that provided them the great entertainment. Both President Jack and First Lady Sue extend their gratitude to our District for providing them with "one of the greatest weekends in their lives".

Growth is a very important ingredient which we require to make our Organization flourish; both at the Club level and at the District level. This can not be done solely by the Governor or the Club President! It takes all of us as a whole, working as a Team to make this District the best that it can be. I appeal to each and every member to give "100% and then some..." to increase the membership in your club, zone and within our District. April is N.O.W. month, what a great time of year to increase the membership within your club.

Keep those invitations coming and First Lady Joan and I will get to as many functions as we can. We are thoroughly enjoying our visits with you and to witness the amazing things you are doing in your communities.

Joan and I look forward to seeing you at the Third Quarter Board in Holstein on May 12th.....come out and see our youth excel at the District Oratorical Contest!!

Sincerely,

Ken Hayward

Governor 2011/2012

Optimist International

—
Midwestern Ontario District



Message from Governor- Elect Jim Dandy

I would like to thank the clubs who have already sent in their officer-elect forms for next year. Last year we were one of the few districts who achieved 100% of forms sent in. Remember to have an election meeting soon and file the paper work with District and OI. This will save you getting a call asking for the report.

I would also like to thank the members who have already agreed to serve on next year's team. The team is filling nicely and I am looking forward to working with a great group of Optimists.

I encourage all clubs to continue the service projects they have been working on during this year and to increase their efforts to better serve our youth.

Yours in Optimism
Gov. Elect Jim

Information this Editor Learned from Recent Newsletters

Congratulations to Clubs with many years of Service:

- KW Optimists 60th Anniversary
- London East 50th Year
- Optimist Club of Stratford 75 years

Membership Chair, Laura Barker, has been busy visiting several clubs in the District.

Camp Galbraith Director, Erica Riddell, who was recently hired, has new ideas and thoughts on programs for the camp. Watch for more information.

Governor Ken and First Lady Joan and the Optimist Club of Egremont Township hosted Optimist International President Jack Creswell and First Lady Sue to a dinner and a visit to Maplefest on April 13 and 14.

The Optimist Club of Sebringville and the Optimist Club of New Dundee will provide volunteers at the International Plowing Match to be held in Waterloo Region in September 2012.

The Optimist Club of Mitchell has sponsored a Music Festival for 10 years.

Optimist Clubs of Fanshawe, London and the Optimist Club of Normanby Township have set up their Facebook pages.

The Optimist Club of St. Jacobs has 15 Corporate Sponsors.

What news does your Club have to share with us?



Dues Time Again - From District Secretary/Treasurer Gerry

April 1 marks the beginning to the third quarter and is also the time for both O.I. and the District to issue club dues notices based the official club numbers as registered with O.I.

This is the second and last dues notice from the District for the year. O.I. of course, does one for each Quarter. Sometimes there is a bit of confusion about this but the forms do indicate the amounts and where they are to be sent.

Also, if there is a question about the number of members the dues are based on, you need to go into "optimistleaders.org" and see what O.I. has as the club's official roster.

Dues are a part of being a member of this great service organization and just as we hope that members

will get their dues in on time, we encourage clubs to also meet this commitment in a timely fashion.

I will be glad to assist with any concerns or questions about dues...the what, the where and even the why we pay dues.

District Secretary/Treasurer Gerry Savage

g.savage@sympatico.ca

Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation

Once again Canadian Children's Foundation, Midwestern Ontario District, is holding its annual Charity Golf Tournament in support of the kids' in our communities. This year the golf tournament is being held on June 9^t, 2012 at the "Mitchell Golf and Country Club"

The Canadian Children's Foundation is a registered Canadian Charity, which assists local Optimist Clubs in their mission to be a "Friend of Youth" The Essay money support programs such as the Oratorical and Essay scholarships, Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Safety on Wheels, Respect For Law, Childhood Cancer, and many other important programs that touch the lives of children in our communities.

We are asking for your consideration of a gift donation for this golf tournament. It could be a certificate, product, promotional item, or sponsor a hole. There will be sponsors' appreciation board at the starting hole and also in the clubhouse with all the sponsors' names listed.

We have just received a sponsor for "Hole in One" for \$500 from P.G. Bill Adams.

Your support will make a difference in helping us raise the funds to touch the lives of young people within our communities.

Thank you & looking forward in seeing you in Mitchell in June 9, 2012.

Sharon Ball
District Foundation Rep.





Canadian Children's Optimist foundation

Optimist Foundation Annual golf Tournament
 Mitchell Golf and Country Club
 Saturday, June 9th, 2012

Sponsorship opportunities:

Help out the Optimist Charity (your Canadian Foundation) and the kids by supporting the annual Golf Tournament. There are three main sponsoring opportunities and if one or more of them works for you, your business or your Optimist Club, the kids helped through the Foundation will thank you.

***Sponsor a hole:** For just \$100 you can sponsor a hole and be recognized with a sign at the tee for your excellent support. Make cheques payable to: Optimist Foundation of Canada. Tax receipt to follow.

***Sponsor a special prize:** Donate something special for use as a golfing prize. Prizes are planned for closest to the pin, longest drive, shortest drive, etc.

***Donate a prize or prizes for our prize table:** Please fill out the following information so you can be adequately recognized for your support.

Personal Donations	Business or Club Donations
Name	Name
Address	Address
City/Town	City/Town
Postal Code	Postal Code
Description of item(s) donated	Description of item(s) donated
Phone # for contact	Phone # for contact

Please send this completed form to me and I will contact you directly:
 Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation District Representative
 Sharon Ball,
 519-896-0071
 608-24 Midland Dr.,
 Kitchener ON. N2P 2A9
 sharon.ball@rogers.com



Canadian Children's Optimist foundation

You have a chance to golf with a group of great people in Mitchell, on Saturday,
June 9th, 2012.

Registration begins at 6:30 am finishing registration at 7:45 am.
The Optimist Foundation "BEST BALL" tournament tees off at 8:00 am.

TEAM CAPTAIN*

Name	Name	Name	Name
Street and #	Street and #	Street and #	Street and #
Town	Town	Town	Town
Postal Code	Postal Code	Postal Code	Postal Code
Optimist Club	Optimist Club	Optimist Club	Optimist Club

Cost is only \$100.00/person, which includes golfing, cart, a steak dinner and prizes. Dinner only \$25.00

To ensure your place at this fantastic, fun event, just mail this completed form and a cheque (or cheques) to:

Sharon Ball
608-24 Midland Dr.,
Kitchener, ON.
N2A 2A8
sharon.ball@rogers.com

***Pease make cheques payable to Midwestern Ontario District (Golf)
The kids thank you for your support.....see you on June 9th, 2012 in Mitchell.

Quarterboard and Convention

Plan to attend our third quarter board at the Egremont Optimist Community Centre. The Optimist Hall address is 392137 Grey Road 109, Holstein. Our Oratorical Contest will take place. Come out and support our young people. Proceeds from lunch will be donated to our Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation.

Convention

Our 26 Midwestern Ontario District Convention will take place in Owen Sound at the Day's Inn. Plan to attend. The weekend promises to be filled with great training sessions, lots of fun and fellowship. Get your registration in early. We have a limited number of rooms blocked. Hope to see everyone in Owen Sound.

Ann Tosheff Convention Chair



MIDWESTERN ONTARIO District of OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
26th ANNUAL CONVENTION Registration Form
 Days Inn, Owen Sound, ON ~ ~ ~ August 17, 18, 19, 2012



<http://www.daysinn.com/hotels/ontario/owen-sound/owen-sound-and-conference-centre-owen-sound/rooms-rates>
 for information call Registrar: Opt. Anne Van Niekerk at (519) 662-1754 or email at awvannieke@gto.net

MEMBER INFORMATION (Please print clearly)		REGISTRATION/TICKET/ACTIVITIES REQUIRED			
1st Member's Name:		COMPULSORY	#	Each	TOTAL
Club Name & Zone:		Member Registration		\$ 20.00	
Address:		Non-Memb.Spouse/Partner - Registration only		\$ 13.00	
TICKETS - OPTIONAL (registration required to purchase tickets)					
Phone Number (519)		~ Opening Ceremonies (Friday 8:00 pm)		N/C	
E-Mail Address		~ Fellowship Breakfast (Sat. 6:59 am)		\$ 16.00	
2nd Member's Name:		~ MWOnt District Luncheon (Sat.12:00 pm)		\$ 18.00	
Club Name & Zone:		~ "Encourage Youth" Banquet (Sat. 6:30 pm)		\$ 32.50	
Address:		~ "Secure our Future" & 2012 - 2013 Team Lunch (Sun. 12:30 pm)		\$ 20.00	
Phone Number (519)		~ Partner's Activity Day (Sat. 9:00 am)		\$ 30.00	
E-Mail Address		Partner's /Guest's Name:	TOTAL ORDER		
3rd Member's Name:			\$		
Club Name & Zone:					
Address:		Make cheques for Registration & Activities payable to: MIDWESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT OPTIMISTS Cheques may be post dated to July 15, 2012 . Pre-Registration is required so that we may plan wisely.			
Phone Number (519)					
E-Mail Address					

RIBBONS REQUIRED: Please check all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> First Timer*	<input type="checkbox"/> President	<input type="checkbox"/> Lieutenant. Gov	<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Governor
<input type="checkbox"/> O.J.F. Club Rep	<input type="checkbox"/> President-Elect	<input type="checkbox"/> Lt. Gov. - Elect	<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Governor Elect
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Past O.J. V-P	<input type="checkbox"/> District Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary/Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Past Governor

* NOTE: a FIRST-TIMER is a member who is attending any Quarter Board or Convention for the FIRST TIME

HOTEL RESERVATIONS ~ Days Inn, 950 6th Street E, Owen Sound, Ontario,
 Check in time is 3:00pm and Check out time is 11:00 am

Hotel Room Nights Choose: [] NDD1, DD1 (2 Double Beds) : \$ 92.00 plus taxes;
 (circle 1): **Friday** or [] NQQ1, QQ1 (2 Queen Beds) : \$ 92.00 plus taxes;
Saturday or [] NK2, K11 (1 King + 1 Dbl Pullout) : \$92.00 plus taxes;
Both [more than 2 persons/room = additional charge of \\$10.00 per person](#)

Room Occupancy - Adults ___?
 >>> **Smoking** Yes No <<< Handicap access _____

Rooms are limited, and assigned on **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS**, so book early.

We will call you if we require your CREDIT CARD NUMBER ... room must be booked by July 15, 2012

Please indicate Credit Card being used for Reservations VISA ___ MC ___ AmEx ___ OTHER ___
 CARD NUMBER: _____ Expiry Date ___/___

Keep this portion for notes about your registration:

Chq.#	_____
Amt \$	_____
Room/Bed Requested:	_____
Registrations:	_____
Breakfasts:	_____
Lunches:	_____
Dinners:	_____

MAIL or GIVE COMPLETED FORMS to:
Opt. Anne Van Niekerk, Registrar
 6 Spruce Lane
NEW HAMBURG, ON N3A 2G6
 for more info contact:
 (519) 662-1754 or email awvannieke@gto.net
 or **Opt. Linda Adams**
 (519) 393-6759 or email bladama@quadro.net

How much do we notice as we go through a day???

"I had a very special teacher in high school many years ago whose husband died suddenly of a heart attack. About a week after his death, she shared some of her insight with a classroom of students. As the late afternoon sunlight came streaming in through the classroom windows and the class was nearly over, she moved a few things aside on the edge of her desk and sat down there.

With a gentle look of reflection on her face, she paused and said, 'Class is over, I would like to share with all of you, a thought that is unrelated to class, but which I feel is very important. Each of us is put here on earth to learn, share, love, appreciate and give of ourselves. None of us knows when this fantastic experience will end. It can be taken away at any moment.

Perhaps this is the GOD's way of telling us that we must make the most out of every single day. Her eyes, beginning to water, she went on, 'So I would like you all to make me a promise. From now on, on your way to school, or on your way home, find something beautiful to notice.

It doesn't have to be something you see, it could be a scent, perhaps of freshly baked bread wafting out of someone's house, or it could be the sound of the breeze slightly rustling the leaves in the trees, or the way the morning light catches one autumn leaf as it falls gently to the ground. Please look for these things, and cherish them. For, although it may sound trite to some, these things are the "stuff" of life. The little things we are put here on earth to enjoy. The things we often take for granted.

The class was completely quiet. We all picked up our books and filed out of the room silently. That afternoon, I noticed more things on my way home from school than I had that whole semester. Every once in a while, I think of that teacher and remember what an impression she made on all of us, and I try to appreciate all of those things that sometimes we all overlook.

Take notice of something special you see on your lunch hour today. Go barefoot. Or walk on the beach at sunset. Stop off on the way home tonight to get a double dip ice cream cone. For as we get older, it is not the things we did that we often regret, but the things we didn't do....



Optimist Projects to Support:

1. Childhood Cancer Campaign
 2. Canadian Children Optimist Foundation Golf Tournament
 3. New Club Building
 4. Membership Increases
- And the List Goes on.

Thoughts for Today

Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is. The way we cope with it, is what makes the difference.

May you always walk in sunshine, my friend!
May you always have Love to Share, Health to Spare, and Friends that Care!

Laughter is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.

Play on Words

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

Why were the Indians here first?
They had reservations.

Broken pencils are pointless.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
MIDWESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT
 THIRD QUARTER BOARD MEETINGS
 And District Oratorical Contest
 SATURDAY, MAY 12th, 2012



100th and then some...

LOCATION: Optimist Community Centre
 392137 Grey Road 109
 Holstein, ON.
 Tel: (519) 334-3874
 (GPS 392137 Grey Road 109, Southgate)

Governor Ken Hayward
 9605 O' Dwyer's Road,
 R.4 Mount Forest, ON
 Tel: (519) 323-3872
 E-mail: kenhayward@rogers.com

9:00 a.m. Registration - \$12.00 per person Lunch – cost to be determined
 (proceeds to Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation)

AGENDAS

9:30 a.m. **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

1. Call to Order – Commence with the Optimist Creed..... Governor Ken Hayward
2. Invocation..... Governor-Elect Jim Dandy
3. Previous Minutes – motion to receive District Secretary/Treasurer Past Governor Gerry Savage
4. District Chairpersons' Reports:
 - Membership Optimist Laura Barker, Chairperson
 - New Club Building Lieutenant Governor Doris Haw, Co-Chairperson
 - Candidates Qualifications and International Convention..... Immediate Past Governor Catherine Herdman
5. Lieutenant Governors' Reports **(2 minutes each using Governor's format)**
6. Closing Remarks Governor Ken Hayward

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**

10:30 a.m. **JOINT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING AND GENERAL SESSION** (for all members)

1. Call to Order – Commence with the Optimist Creed..... Governor Ken Hayward
2. Invocation..... Governor-Elect Jim Dandy
3. Opening remarks Governor Ken Hayward
4. Previous Minutes – motion to receive District Secretary/Treasurer Past Governor Gerry Savage
5. District Secretary/Treasurer Report District Secretary/Treasurer Past Governor Gerry Savage
6. Confirmation of the 2012-2013 District Secretary/Treasurer..... Governor-Elect Jim Dandy
6. District Chairpersons' Reports:
 - Membership Optimist Laura Barker, Chairperson
 - New Club Building Lieutenant Governor Doris Haw, Co-Chairperson
 - Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation Past Governor Sharon Ball
 - Childhood Cancer Campaign Optimist Jackie Kinder
 - Quarter Boards and Convention Optimist Ann Tosheff, Chairperson
 - Candidates Qualifications and International Convention..... Immediate Past Governor Catherine Herdman
 - H.O.B.Y. Optimist Gord & Carolyn Wood, Chairpersons
 - Club Activities Optimist Sharon & Stella Carmount, Chairpersons
 - Essay..... Optimist Ray Love, Chairperson
 - Spelling Bee Optimist Rob McKay, Chairperson
 - Oratorical Optimist Lynn Perrin, Chairperson
 - Internet Safety Optimist Glen Strub, Chairperson
 - J.O.O.I. Optimist Matt & Kelli Crowley, Chairpersons
 - Personal Growth & Involvement Optimist Warren and Betty Small, Chairpersons
 - Leadership Development/Zone Alignment..... Governor-Elect Jim Dandy
7. Closing Remarks Governor Ken Hayward

12:00 Noon **Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation Luncheon**

1:15 p.m. **Oratorical Contest** Optimist Lynn Perrin, Chairperson

Introduction of Essay Contest Winner Optimist Ray Love, Chairperson
 Reading of Winning Essay TBA
 Introduction of Spelling Contest Winner Optimist Rob McKay, Chairperson
 Oratorical Competition, Introduction of winners and judges Optimist Lynn Perrin, Chairperson

Optimist Websites:
 Midwestern Ontario District: www.optimistmwo.on.ca
 Optimist International: www.optimist.org
 Optimist Leaders: www.optimistleaders.org
 Optimist Mail: ww.optimistmail.org



Optimist International
 President: Jack Creswell
 1st Lady: Sue Creswell

Optimist International
 Vice President: Dwight Phillips
 Lady: Marlene Phillips

MWO Governor: Ken Hayward and 1st Lady Joan



Optimist International at a glance

Membership: 94,091*

Total Clubs: 3,226*

Founded: June 19, 1919

* As of Feb. 15, 2012: figure includes JOOI Clubs

Dates to remember:

May 12 Third Quarter Board, Holstein Oratorical Finals

May 20 "Club Officers-Elect Form due

June 9 CCOF Golf Tournament in Mitchell

July 1 Submit 4th Quarter Optimist International Dues

July 12 -14 O I Convention, Milwaukee

Aug. 17-19 MWO District Convention, Days Inn, Owen Sound

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 let all your friends know that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and let 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 to 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