

# Midwestern Ontario District News Bulletin

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## Hello Optimists

What a busy year so far! Now we get to see the results of your work: the laughter on the new splash pads, the cheers as the runner rounds third plate or the soccer player makes the most fantastic kick past the goalie!

**But our job isn't over!** We still have 3 months of summer to raise funds to keep your projects running over the winter? Have you added new members?

Did you know that the 30 under 30 program is still running? ... a new member under 30 years of age pays \$30 registration to OI that includes all dues until the anniversary date of his/her registration date ... a full calendar year. Then OI calculates the dues for the balance of the quarter the year finishes in, pro-rating them for the number of days left in that quarter. 30 under 30 is specific to the new member... they are special!

During discussion with other Governors at the OI Convention some ideas popped up.

- Snow birds, have you considered meeting and having fun with the Optimist Club members in your winter home? Contact me or your Lt. Governor we will help you make friends.
- Years ago some clubs twinned with clubs in the US. Have you considered twinning with a club from the Caribbean? There are a lot of clubs a list of clubs and contacts from the Caribbean Summit. Wouldn't it be nice to go to Jamaica or Antigua and know someone there?

At the IO Convention we were asked to think about what changes must be made to keep Optimist International alive so that we can reach our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday and beyond. At our MWO Convention August 15,16, 17, our Immediate Past International President J.C. St. Onge will be hosting a town hall meeting to discuss the future of our organization. **Be there!**

J.C. will carry your comments to the International Board of Directors.

**See you in Brantford in August!**



Past Governor Catherine sent this motion to be discussed at our Convention

Moved by President Catherine Herdman of the Optimist Club of London-East that District Policy 7 be amended to read:

*“The number and boundaries of zones, for the next administrative year, if subject to revision, shall be made by the Governor-Elect and the two immediate Past Governors. Any revisions shall be presented to the Board of Directors at the third quarter meeting of the preceding year to accommodate the selection of Lieutenant-Governors to serve during the next administrative year. No zone will have more than ten (10) or less than four (4) clubs. New clubs shall be assigned to a zone by the Governor for the current administrative year. Zones exceeding ten after assignment of a new club will be realigned in the next administrative year.”*

Moved by President Catherine Herdman of the Optimist Club of London-East that the realigned Zone 4 that was done in compliance with District Policy 7 and presented to the Board of Directors at the third quarter meeting, on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2014, be called Zone 4 East and Zone 4 West. Zone 4 East shall consist of the Optimist Clubs of Mount Pleasant, Paris, Brantford-Brant Lyn, Burford District, Scotland & District and Windham District. Zone 4 West will consist of the Optimist Clubs of Norwich, Otterville, Woodstock, Woodstock-East Oxford-Oxford Center, and Simcoe & District.

## 2013/14 District Oratorical Contest

The District Oratorical contest was held May 10 in Holstein after the third quarter board meeting. We had seven excellent speakers explaining, "How My Passions Impact the World."

The top three speakers won scholarship prizes.

First prize was \$2500 scholarship was awarded to **Megan VanKessel** sponsored by the Optimist Club of **London-Oakridge Acres**

Second prize was \$1500 scholarship was awarded to **Karlie Dolderman** sponsored by the Optimist Club of **Centre Wellington-Fergus**

Third prize was \$1000 scholarship was awarded to **Jackie LaRonde** sponsored by the Optimist Club of **Waterloo North**

Thanks to those of you who helped me with organizing the two regional (London/Waterloo) and district (Holstein) oratorical contests this year. Special thanks to club chairs who got the youth interested in joining this year! It couldn't happen without you!

Michele Ivanouski  
Optimist Oratorical District Chair 2014



### Announcement:

As of July 21 MWO District needs approx. 10 new members and all clubs to file the President's Pride report to qualify as a Distinguished District.

This is big honour for our members who are working Hard for our children!

Governor Karen



**Together for the Kids**  
**MIDWESTERN ONTARIO District of OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**  
**28th Annual Convention**  
**Best Western Brant Park Inn, Brantford, On ~ Aug 15, 16, 17/2014**  
**Registration Form**

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 Member/Spouse Registration		\$ 13.00	
Phone Number (519)		TICKETS - OPTIONAL (registration required to purchase tickets)			
E-Mail Address		~ Opening Ceremonies (Friday 8:00 pm)		N/C	
2nd Member's Name:		~ Fellowship Breakfast (Sat. 6:59 am)		\$ 16.00	
Club Name & Zone:		~ MWOnt District Luncheon (Sat. 12:00 pm)		\$ 20.00	
Address:		~Serve Our Youth Banquet (Sat. Social 6:30/Dinner 7:00)		\$ 30.00	
Phone Number (519)		~Gov Elect Elaine McLaren 2014/15 Team Lunch (Sunday)		\$ 20.00	
E-Mail Address		~Partner Activity - Sat. Approx 10am-2pm		\$ 35.00	
3rd Member's Name:					<b>TOTAL ORDER</b>
Club Name & Zone:		Partner's /			
Address:		Guest Name:			
Phone Number (519)		Make cheques for Registration & Activities payable to: <b>MIDWESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT OPTIMISTS</b> Cheques may be post dated to July 15, 2014 Pre-Registration is required so that we may plan wisely			
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.I.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.I. V-P	<input type="checkbox"/> District Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Sec/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 ~ Brant Park Inn, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, ON N3T 5W5

**DEADLINE FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION IS JUNE 30TH, 2014 WITH LINDA ADAMS, REGISTRAR**

Room Occupancy - Adults \_\_\_\_\_? Children \_\_\_\_\_? Wheelchair Access \_\_\_\_\_? Circle One Friday Saturday Both

Check In Time is 3:00 p.m. Check Out time is 11:00 a.m. All Rooms Non Smoking

Rooms	Traditional - King Bed	104.99+Taxes	Traditional - 2 Beds	104.99+Taxes
	Traditional - Queen Bed	104.99+Taxes	Queen Suite with 2 Beds	124.00+Taxes
	King Suite with 1 Bed	124.00+Taxes		

Keep this portion for notes about your registration:

MAIL or GIVE COMPLETED FORMS to:

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



Opt. Linda Adams, Registrar

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**Something to think about:** Submitted by Glen & Helma Luyten

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls.

He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

"I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur.

The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that, the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so, he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe.

Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup.

Holding it carefully, he handed it to the little boy.

"How much?" asked the little boy... "No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love."

**The world is full of people who need someone who understands.**



*Thank you to all the members who contributed to this Bulletin. You make it relevant for all of us! Editor, Marg*

### **Awards and Achievements Program**

Please remember to send the A & A Chair Julie Cofax notice of your interclub meetings and NOW meetings. You get points for these events. You can see your points on the MWO Optimist web site.

### **Reminder re Historian Report**

If you have not already sent your information please forward it on to Governor Karen while we determine how to continue the work of Ken and Eleanor Saxton.



### ***From Newsletters Received this Quarter***

**Optimist Club of Ellice** –Great, fantastic, wonderful news-Optimist Kelli Crowley is our President Elect for 2014-2015.

**Mitchell Optimist Club** - Thanks to Chairperson Optimist Mary Anne Lealess and her committee as we had a very successful Bike Rodeo. The weather was beautiful and over 50 children attended.

**Optimist Club of Sebringville** –The Rotary Club Citizen of the year award for the Municipality of West Perth was presented to Optimist Diane Josling.

**Optimist Club of Kitchener-Waterloo** –Quote “ Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.” John Wooden

**The Optimist Club of Normanby Twp.** –President Chris welcomed Joe Wettlaufer, sponsored by Sharon, to the fun and enjoyment of optimism.

**Optimist Club of Mornington** -"Giving up your goal because of one setback is like slashing your other three tires because you have one flat." Author Unknown

## **Ontario Not For Profit Corporations Act ( ONCA)**

The federal government made changes to the laws for federal incorporation of not for profit organizations. Optimist International was impacted by this. Unless you are a registered charity with Revenue Canada it will not affect your club. HOWEVER, the Province of Ontario is in the process of passing legislation similar to the federal law that could impact your club.

Ted Simmons, Governor of Central Ontario District has been the liaison with Optimist International's Canadian Headquarters for the 3 Ontario Optimist Districts on the ONCA. The following is an excerpt from the CENON Spring Newsletter describing the preparations we can make. ( I have made changes to refer to MWO rather than CENON).

Jacques Pelland, from the OI office in Montreal, has been working hard with a firm of prominent lawyers, to enable OI Canada to comply with the federal legislation that will precede ONCA, and will be used by the province to apply to *MWO* Optimist Clubs.

He has advised me that the high level of preparation already achieved will make life quite simple for the clubs.

There are two items of necessity he says we should address now.

**First is the issue of INCORPORATION.** Unfortunately neither he nor I have absolutely complete records of the incorporation numbers of ALL *MWO* OPTIMIST CLUBS. We have not needed them, and have gone under the assumption that all have been incorporated.

If your club has an incorporation number, you are provincially incorporated, and do not need to worry about this.

**I ask all Presidents to inform all Lt. Governors if you do not have access to an incorporation number, ASAP. Lt. Governors will inform me of such gaps.**

To help understand the impact of this law on our clubs I have invited Steven Indig, a lawyer specializing in Not for Profit groups and the key note speaker at the CENON Quarter Board in February, to be the key note speaker at the *MWO* District Convention in August. Governor Karen

# Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation

Greetings Fellow Optimists,

On behalf of the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation I would like to thank the clubs and individuals for their generous donations to date.

There is still time to get your donations submitted by September 30<sup>th</sup> so your Contributions are recognized for this calendar year.

I will be present at the District Convention in Brantford and will be grateful for any donations at that time. If you are not attending the Convention your donations can be mailed to me or to the C.C.O.F. office in Montreal.

I would appreciate if you can surrender any donation cans at the Convention or you can contact me direct and I will make arrangements to retrieve them. These cans will be turned over to our Foundation Representative for next year.

I will have a table set up at the Convention with various literature and pins on display. I also have some previous prints which I will let go for a donation to the Foundation.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

See you in Brantford!

Sincerely,

Past Governor Ken Hayward  
District Foundation Representative  
(519) 323-3872



Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation  
Fondation Optimiste des enfants canadiens

Dear fellow Optimists, Thanks for being CCC reps this year and for passing along info to your clubs. I have appreciated your help and enjoyed being your District Chair. See my CCC update on pg. 9 of this bulletin YIO  
Jackie



## ***Dates to Remember:***

**July 24 –Aug. 3 International Jr Golf Championship, Florida**

**Aug.1 - Deadline for Memorial Service Information**

**Aug. 15 –17 MWO Convention Brantford**

**15th Op Ceremonies & Memorial Service**

**16th 4th Quarter Bd. & Convention & Dinner Theatre**

**17th Introduction of 2014 –2015 Team**

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## UPDATE FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN CHAIR

It has been my privilege to serve as your CCC District Chair for several years. I continue to be amazed and heartened by the generous, caring spirit of Optimists in the MWO District. Congratulations to all clubs who have done fundraisers to support families in your communities, or to support other childhood cancer-related initiatives. Well done.

Did you know that the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown, unlike many adult cancers? Did you know that thousands of children are living with long lasting chronic conditions resulting from their treatment? Research for childhood cancer and research for better drugs with less life-long side effects for kids are chronically underfunded by our government and by the drug companies. What can we, as Optimists, do? Wear your Optimist CCC gold ribbon pin to raise awareness. Continue your community childhood cancer projects. Lobby your local politicians and OI to support more research.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month across Canada. The Gold Ribbon Campaign is holding a Gold Ribbon Walk to raise funds for Childcan on Saturday, September 27 at Greenway Park in London. This event is family-friendly as there will be a barbeque, face painting, music, etc.

Over 10 000 children in Canada are battling cancer today. We can't walk a mile in their shoes but we can walk 2.5 km to raise funds to support the families of some of those children.

**CHALLENGE:** Bring a team from your club, bring your families, bring your neighbours and support this wonderful, first annual event.

For more details and to get your pledge sheet, register online at [www.childcan.com](http://www.childcan.com).

(Childhood cancer survivors and patients and their families are free. For others, there is a minimum of \$20 per adult.)

### Upcoming Events:

Byron Legion and Byron Optimists Community Fundraiser	Aug. 9
Going for Gold Golf Tournament at Hickory Ridge	Aug. 9
Horsin`Around for Childhood Cancer at Clinton Raceway	Aug. 31
Faith`s Footsteps:	Sept. 9-11
Evan`s Touch the Truck, St. Marys	Sept. 13
10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Leah`s Wish-Brianna`s Journey, Walkerton	Sept. 16
Stratford Inside Ride	Sept. 20
Gold Ribbon Walk for Childhood Cancer	Sept. 27
VHS Run4Kids, Bayfield	Sept. 27

Some reminders:

1. The CCC matching grants are still available and the forms are now on our very own website: [www.optimistmwo.on.ca](http://www.optimistmwo.on.ca)
2. Sales of the limited edition Optimist CCC pins have gone very well. There are still a few pins left and they will be available at the Convention.
3. *Donations to the Childhood Cancer Campaign should be made out to the CCOF with the memo that the funds are for the CCC.* If an individual club member wishes to make a donation in memory of, a tax receipt is issued.

I remain **Optimistic** that one day we can “*rid the world of childhood cancer*”.

Jackie Kinder [jackie.kinder@rogers.com](mailto:jackie.kinder@rogers.com) 519 680 7182

Optimist Websites:  
 Midwestern Ontario District: [www.optimistmwo.on.ca](http://www.optimistmwo.on.ca)  
 Optimist International: [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)  
 Optimist Leaders: [www.optimistleaders.org](http://www.optimistleaders.org)  
 Optimist Mail: [www.optimistmail.org](http://www.optimistmail.org)  
 Optimist Mail: [ww.optimistmail.org](http://ww.optimistmail.org)

*Dates to Remember Continued*  
**Aug. 31 - Deadline for President's Pride Report**  
**Sept. 30 –Final Club Roster Adjustment**  
**CPA Book Deadline**  
**CCOF Donation Deadline**  
**Sept 27—Celebration of our 2013-2014**  
**“Together or the Kids” Year location**  
**TBA**

Optimist International  
 President: Ron Huxley and  
 1st Lady Debbie  
 Optimist International  
 Vice President: Harry Margo  
 & 1st Lady Kathi  
 MWO Governor:  
 Karen Scott

## Optimist Mission Statement

By providing hope and positive vision,  
 Optimists bring out the best in kids



### 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***