

MWO DISTRICT BULLETIN

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Message from Governor Ken

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Greetings Fellow Optimists,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas holiday with family and friends. It is hard to believe 2011 is gone as we venture forward into 2012.

As I look back at the first quarter I have seen many great things accomplished by our members. We have welcomed 63 new members into our Optimist Organization, we currently have a new club being built, we reached our \$100,000 goal with the Computers for Kids program and many clubs have completed community projects such as Breakfast with Santa, Youth Appreciation, Santa Claus parades and Christmas Craft workshops.

There are many community and fun-filled events planned for our second quarter such as the 2012 Annual Plunger Plop in Alma, Second Quarter Board and Awards Night at the Delta Hotel in Guelph and the Optimist International President's Visit and Dinner on Friday, April 13th in Holstein.

Our District membership must grow in order for us to continue to serve the kids and the communities throughout Midwestern Ontario. It is imperative that we continue to invite new members into our clubs or to bring new clubs into those communities where we don't exist. I challenge each of you to go out and recruit that new member or to stake that new community so we can serve those additional youth. Don't hesitate to contact your Lieutenant Governor to assist you with that growth. They can assist with a N.O.W. meeting, new club building and to help support your local events. They can also get you in contact with our Membership Chair, New Club Building Team or any other member of our District Team to make your projects a success.

Keep those invitations coming and First Lady Joan and I will get to as many functions as we can. It is amazing to witness the fantastic work accomplished by our members and our clubs to **"Bring Out the Best in Our Kids."**

I look forward to seeing you at the Second Quarter Board in Guelph on February 17th & 18th.....get that registration form in now!!



Sincerely,

Ken Hayward

Governor 2011/2012

Optimist International Midwestern Ontario District

Club Secretary Treasurers

Is your club up to date with their dues payments just like you would expect your members to be? As of this date, January 2, nine clubs need to pay their O.I. October invoices and twelve clubs have yet to pay their District dues.

Also, let me remind you how important it is to keep rosters up to date with O.I. Overpayment of dues and lack of insurance coverage are just two of the roster related issues. Make those new members official. The problem of very slow police checks was addressed by my club by allowing the new member to be made official with the provision that the police check must still be completed.

Have a good new year and contact me to help with paperwork issues.

District Secretary Treasurer Gerry Savage



Something to Think About

An economics professor at a local college made a statement that he had never failed a single student before, but had recently failed an entire class. That class had insisted that Obama's socialism worked and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer.

The professor then said, "OK, we will have an experiment in this class on Obama's plan".. All grades will be averaged and everyone will receive the same grade so no one will fail and no one will receive an A.... (substituting grades for dollars - something closer to home and more readily understood by all).

After the first test, the grades were averaged and everyone got a B. The students who studied hard were upset and the students who studied little were happy. As the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too so they studied little.

The second test average was a D! No one was happy.

When the 3rd test rolled around, the average was an F.

As the tests proceeded, the scores never increased as bickering, blame and name-calling all resulted in hard feelings and no one would study for the benefit of anyone else.

To their great surprise, ALL FAILED and the professor told them that socialism would also ultimately fail because when the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great, but when government takes all the reward away, no one will try or want to succeed.

These are possibly the 5 best sentences you'll ever read and all applicable to this experiment:

- 1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.**
- 2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.**
- 3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.**
- 4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it!**
- 5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.**

Submitted by Ken Hayward

Friday, April 13th, 2012

Come out and meet
O. I. President Jack Creswell
& First Lady Sue.

Egremont Optimist Community
Hall, Holstein, Ontario

Social: 6:30 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per person

Tickets available from your
Lieutenant Governor or for
further information contact
Governor Ken at 519-323-3872.

Club Monthly Newsletters

Thank you to the 12 club newsletter editors who faithfully send their editions to me. These make interesting reading, chronicle club activities and keep members up to date.

Being an Optimistic person I expected to be flooded with 89 bulletins every month, one from each club listed in our directory.

I am sure there are other excellent newsletters circulating to club members out there.

**Please send your next one off to me at
rapps@wightman.ca.**

In a newsletter from Mitchell I saw an **Excellent way to recognize your members**. It was a simple statement "This month I observed that Optimist Ruth Ann is one of the most creative people I know." What a nice way to say thank you to a member for her work.

News from Local Clubs

The Normanby Optimist Club has sponsored the **JOOI of South Grey Club**. This new club has 20 members and is having its' Charter Party on Sat. Feb. 4, 2012 at the Normanby Arena Complex, Ayton, Ont. Social Time 6 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Dancing 9 - 11 p.m. to recorded music for all ages. Adults \$20 Youth \$10 Advance sale tickets only. Email Marg at rapps2@wightman.ca
Donations in support of this club will be appreciated.

Hello Fellow Optimists.

Tired of the winter blues? Then this email is for you. Hopefully you have been able to put a team together for the "**M.W.ONT. District Plunger Plop Challenge**" on **Saturday February 11th, 2012 in Alma, Ont.** Starting at 9:30am.

If you cannot put together a team (of 4 players), just let us know and we will find a team for you. No experience is necessary. Just wanting to have some fun and meet new friends? Well please come out to join us.

All funds raised from this great event will be given to the O.I. Foundation so please try to come out and support this great cause.

Lunch to follow (chilli and salad) at the spanking new **ALMA COMMUNITY HALL**.

P.S. - Even if you can't make it out, a **DONATION** to the cause would sure help out as this is what helps support the Scholarships for the **Essay, Spelling Bee, Oratorical Contests etc.**

The Optimist Club of Egremont Township mourn the loss of member Bill Daniels who was an Optimist for 50 years.

The Optimist Club of New Dundee has staked a new club in Baden! Way to go New Dundee ! Good Luck and Enjoy the Ride! It is an amazing experience. Editor Marg

CCOF

Do you know how your donations are used? If you made a “restricted” donation then your money is set aside or redirected to the charity that you designated. If you made an “unrestricted” donation then these moneys are used to fund our scholarship programs (ORATORICAL, ESSAY and CCDHH) our JOOI program, providing educational material promoting the Foundation and developing new programs for our organization. This was the basis on which the O.I. Foundation was formed.

Please remember, **all money raised in Canada stays in Canada!**

I believe now more than ever that a great part of our organization’s future depends on our Foundation. Without the Foundation’s support of programs many youth would have no contact with our Optimist Clubs.

Our Foundation is our charity within our own organization which depends on your club and you for support.

I am asking that your club and you make a donation to the Canadian Children’s Optimist Foundation (CCOF) today.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.....
YES, WE ARE BACK TO MITCHELL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB.
SATURDAY JUNE 9, 2012.**



**Past Governor, Sharon Ball
District Foundation Representative**

Childhood Cancer Campaign

Hello fellow Optimists and thank you to all clubs who submitted the name of their CCC rep to me by Dec. 31/11. You have gained 100 points toward the A&A program.

However, it’s not too late to submit the name of your CCC rep so that I can send out any updates. Stay tuned for an exciting announcement re a CCC District (and beyond!) Fundraiser happening in 2012.

Keep in mind the Matching Grants Program for childhood cancer-related projects when planning your fundraising for the year.

Please contact me at jackie.kinder@rogers.com or at 519 680 7182 and let me know how I can help you with your club’s Cancer Campaign fundraising.



Life’s Like That

Real answers received on exams given by a Driving School.

Question: When driving through fog, what should you use? Answer: Your car.

Question: What is the difference between a flashing red light and a flashing yellow light? Answer: the colour.

Murphy’ Law for Frequent Fliers

Flights never leave from Gate #1 at any terminal in the world.

If you are running late for a flight, it will depart from the farthest gate within the terminal.

Changing Your World

News report from Bruno, NE in 1981

Herman Ostry and his wife, Donna, bought a farm a half mile outside of Bruno, Nebraska, a small community sixty miles west of Omaha. The property had a creek and came with a barn built in the 1920's. The barn floor was always wet and muddy.

When the creek flooded in 1988, the barn ended up with 29 inches of water covering the floor. That was the last straw. Ostry needed to move it to higher ground. He contacted a building moving company and was discouraged by the bid.

One night around the table, Ostry commented that if they had enough people they could pick the barn up and move it to higher ground.. Everyone laughed. A few days later, Ostry's son Mike showed his father some calculations. He had counted the individual boards and timbers in the barn and estimated that the barn weighed approximately 16,640 pounds. He also estimated that a steel grid needed to move the barn would add another 3,150 pounds, bringing the total weight to just under 10 tons. He figured it would take around 350 people with each person lifting 56 lbs. to move the barn.

The town of Bruno, Nebraska was planning its Centennial celebration in late July of 1988. Herman and Mike presented their barn moving idea to the committee. The committee decided to make it part of their celebration.

So, on July 30, 1988, shortly before 11 a.m., a quick test lift was successfully made. Then, as local television cameras and 4,000 people from eleven states watched, 350 people moved the barn 115 feet south and 6 feet higher up a gentle slope and set it on its new foundation.

The reason most people think that something cannot be done is because they know that they can't do it by themselves. But impossible things can be done if we join together in the task. Working together, we can not only move barns, but change the world.

Optimists working together can make a big difference in our world!

Optimists working together can make a big difference in our

Optimist Projects to Support:

1. Childhood Cancer Campaign
2. Canadian Children Optimist Foundation
3. New Club Building
4. Membership Increases

And the List Goes on.

Lighter Side

These are supposedly actual signs that have appeared at various locations.

Sign at the dry cleaners:
Drop your pants here!

Sign at a hotel: Help! We need inn-experienced people.

Sign on a used car lot:
"Second hand cars in first crash condition."

Overweight is something that snacks up on you.

The four food groups:
Fast, Frozen, Instant and Chocolate!

Dates to Remember
Feb. Oratorical Month
Feb.18 2nd Quarter Board
& Awards Banquet in
Guelph
Feb. 28 Submit Winning
Essay to Ray Love
April Club Elections



MIDWESTERN ONTARIO District of OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
Be Excited... AWARDS BANQUET &
2011 - 12 Second Quarter Board Registration Form

Delta Hotel - 50 Stone Road, GUELPH, ON ~~~~~ February 17 & 18, 2012

MEMBER INFORMATION (Please print clearly)

1st Member's Name: _____
 Club Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number (519): _____
 E-Mail Address: _____



2nd Member's Name: _____
 Club Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number (519): _____
 E-Mail Address: _____

REGISTRATION and/or MEALS REQUIRED

Lunch - on your own ** or Hosp.Rm **	#	Each	TOTAL
Member Registrations for 2nd Qtr. Bd.		\$12.00	
"Be Excited...Be Engaged" Awards Banquet (Saturday 6pm)		\$30.00	
"Be Excited...Be Engaged" Awards Prepaid BANQUET ONLY (P/U Tickets @ 5:30)		\$35.00	



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

AWARDS

TOTAL ORDER \$

Make cheques for Registrations & Dinners payable to:
MIDWESTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT OPTIMISTS
Pre-Registration is required so that we may plan wisely.
 for more info contact: (519) 662-1754 or email at awvannleke@gto.net

**** Some Hospitality Rooms MAY be hosting a FUNDRAISER Lunch ****

HOTEL RESERVATIONS ~ Delta Hotel ~ 50 Stone Road, GUELPH, ON N1G 0A9
 Check in time is 3:00pm and Check out time is 11:00 am
Hotel Room Nights Choose: [] **Delta Room** (2 Queen Beds) : \$ 105.00 plus taxes;
 (circle 1): **Friday** or [] **Premier Room** (1 King Bed) : \$ 105.00 plus taxes;
Saturday or [] **Deluxe Room** (1 King or Queen - Suite) : \$ 125.00 plus taxes;
Both or [] **Corner Suite** (1 King + Pullout - Suite) : \$ 135.00 plus taxes.
<http://www.deltahotels.com/en/hotels/ontario/delta-guelph/hotel-guest-rooms/>
Non-Smoking Room Occupancy - Adults _____ ? Wheelchair access _____
 Rooms are limited, and assigned on **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS, so book early.**

HOTEL ROOM CAN ONLY BE RESERVED BY CREDIT CARD NUMBER and must be booked by January 14, 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: **N/A**
 Lunches: **N/A**
 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 at awvannleke@gto.net
 or **Opt. Linda Adams**
 (519) 393-6759 or email bladams@quadro.net

ALL OPTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

NO Refunds after January 15, 2012

Optimist Websites:
Midwestern Ontario District: www.optimistmwo.on.ca

Optimist International: www.optimist.org

Optimist Leaders: www.optimistleaders.org



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

Optimist International
Vice President: Dwight
Phillips
Lady: Marlene Phillips



Optimist International at a glance

Membership: 97,052*

Total Clubs: 3,319*

Founded: June 19, 1919

* As of August 15, 2011: figure includes JOOI Clubs



Optimist Essay Contest

Topic: "How My Positive Outlook Benefits My Community"

Send your club's entry to Essay Chair Ray Love by Feb. 28

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