

OPTIMIST CLUB OF AUSABLE PORT FRANKS

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Presidents' Message :

Greetings fellow Optimists,

As we enter this very busy time of year continue to be Optimistic each and every day and be kind to those less fortunate. **Please note the dates listed in the newsletter**, some changes are happening. Our Christmas Dinner is December 3rd at Lizzy's in Thedford, for \$18.99 per person, plus tax and gratuity. I am asking people to bring a wrapped gift with a \$5 minimum and \$10 maximum cost. I have called everyone and confirmations were to be made by November 28th – 519-243-2452.

Change – There will be a December Board meeting – December 10th in the West Hall of the Community Centre.

There will be no coffee time at the Manor on December 26th (Boxing Day) but it will resume on January 9, 2020.

Find us on Facebook – Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club

www.ausableportfranksoptimist.club

The next Breakfast at Butler's will be on January 19th, 2020 – West Ipperwash Rd at 10:00 am. I will be making calls in January to confirm numbers attending..
Marry Christmas everyone!

Yours in Optimism
Fran Bell
Optimist President

MEMBERS

No new members to report at this time but please talk up Optimist to your friends and neighbours.

Meat Raffle – 3rd Saturday of the month from Sept – May – Next date is December 21st

Grogs Restaurant from 2 pm to 4pm

A strip of tickets for 24 draws is \$10.00. Prizes include meat, eggs, lottery tickets and various gift prizes. We also hold a 50/50 draw at a cost of 3 tickets for \$5.00. Come out and support the club or send your money and someone will be nice enough to watch your tickets and give you a shout if you are a winner

Looking for a new chairperson of this event – please contact Fran

Coffee Time at the Thedford Manor – 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each Month and 2nd Sunday

Drop in and socialize with our Seniors who would love the company. The next Thursday dates are December 12th and January 9th. The next Sunday tea is December 8th.

Arts and Stuff on Wednesdays

Tell anyone you know that the Optimist Hall is open from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm for drop in Art and creative activities. This is a good social time and the kids love it. You don't have to be a member to come out and enjoy this time with Community members.

Breakfast with Santa – December 8th from 10:00 to noon

This is another event that requires lots of help to make it run smoothly. Please contact Derek Scott if you can assist in any way. derekscott@execulink.com or 519-243-3005.

Free to Create – Youth Art Exhibit – May 2nd and 3rd 2020

It isn't too early to register your child – aged 5-18 years of age. The cost to register is \$15 and a kit is provided with a canvas, paints and brushes. Sonja will have kits available on Sunday, December 1st from 9:00-3:00 at the Holiday Marketplace Vendor Sale being held at the Community Centre.

The Artist is free to use these supplies or something else that they want to use to express their artistic side. You can stop into the hall any Wednesday from 6:00-9:00 pm to register with Sonja or contact Linda Attard – llattard@gmail.com. Please let your family and friends know as this is open to anyone (you do not have to live or vacation here). Sonja will have a table at the LSNT Holiday Marketplace on December 1st at the Community Centre where you can register and get a kit for anyone from 5-18 years of age.

Upcoming Meetings:

All members are encouraged to attend these meetings and you are welcome to bring a guest!

Dinner meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month in the Community Centre main hall.

The next Dinner Meeting will be on December 3rd at Lizzy's in Thedford. Those who have confirmed their attendance will pay Lizzy's at the dinner.

If you indicate that you are coming and find that you cannot – please advise Fran – 519-243-2452 - so you will not be charged for any meal that is catered.

Board Meetings are normally held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Optimist Hall – upstairs at the Community Centre (or downstairs in the West Wing Hall). We would love to have members come to these meetings with ideas and comments. You don't have to sit on the board to be there. They are open to any member and you will have a vote. The next meeting will be on December 10th in the West Wing of the Community Centre.

Breakfasts - every other month – 3rd Sunday – Butler's Restaurant – West Ipperwash Rd.

The next breakfast will be on January 19th and calls will be made to confirm attendance.

Zone Meetings and Conferences:

Second Quarter Conference and Training – February 21st and 22nd, 2020 – Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Centre – Sarnia/Point Edward

Third Quarter Conference and Training – April 24th and 25th – Retro Suites – Chatham

SWONT Annual District Convention – August 21st, 22nd, 23rd – 39th Annual – Best Western Stoneridge Inn, London

Miscellaneous:

“Like” the Optimist Club of Ausable Port Franks Facebook Page to see pictures of events and up to date happenings with our club. **Check out the new and improved Web Page (special thanks to Janice Cuckovic!). If you are at events please remember to take pictures and send them to Janice for the Web Page. petarandjanice@gmail.com**

Pop cans - THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY SHRINER COLLECTION BOXES AROUND ANYMORE SO JUST RECYCLE

Yarn – A group of ladies in Thedford are knitting and crocheting items for Nursing Homes and Samaritan's Purse. They can use any yarn that you have. Bring this to the Community Centre or you can even help out or drop it off to them at Knox Presbyterian Church in Thedford on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30.

Milk Bags – Please save your outer milk bags, pop can tabs and bread bag plastic tabs. You can leave them at the Community Centre for Linda Attard.