

# OPTIMIST CLUB OF AUSABLE PORT FRANKS

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## FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



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### President's Message :

Greetings fellow Optimists,

Winter has finally descended upon us and with it the shortest month of the year, which to many feels like the longest! For Optimists February is significant as the first Thursday of February is recognized internationally by Optimist clubs as Optimist Day. Members are encouraged to wear Optimist attire and speak proudly of Optimism, what it stands for and what as members we do in our community. In a world facing so many challenges we should be proud to belong to a club whose focus is to conduct positive service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth and spreading our positive attitude. By believing in young people and empowering them to be the best they can, Optimist volunteers continually make this world a better place to live.

We have lots going on this month and hope you will be able to join us for some or all of our activities (check the newsletter for more details).

Find us on Facebook – Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club

[www.ausableportfranksoptimist.club](http://www.ausableportfranksoptimist.club)

Earlier this month I was honoured by my fellow board members to be nominated to assume the role of President of the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club. I look forward to working together with everyone in our club to continue to make a difference in our community.

Finally, on behalf of all our membership I wish to thank our past president Fran Bell for her service as President and for all she has done as a member of our club over the past years.

Yours In Optimism  
Karen Puzara  
President

#### **FELLOWSHIP:**

We send our condolences to the Michielsens family on the passing of their Dad, Willy in December and Mom, Agnes in January.

Birthday wishes go out to Optimist Members celebrating in February: Janet Waite – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tanya Smith – 4<sup>th</sup>, Ron Huxley – 6<sup>th</sup>, Calvin Thornton – 16<sup>th</sup>, Lyette Audet – 17<sup>th</sup>, Hannah Michielsens – 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MEMBERS**

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

#### **Meat Raffle – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from Sept – May – Next date is February 15th**

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 Derek*

#### **Soup-er Sundays – Come out and enjoy giant board games and have a hot lunch**

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> come to the Port Franks Community Centre – West Wing. This is open from noon until 3:00 to families and individuals looking for a way to spend a few hours on a Sunday afternoon. Lunch is optional at \$5/\$10 for a family – soup, beverages, desserts, buns.

#### **Coffee Time at the Thedford Manor – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each Month and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

Drop in and socialize with our Staff and members who would love the company. The next Thursday dates are February 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The next Sunday tea is February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Please note that this has been discontinued.**

#### **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. Lots of supplies available and you get to keep the mess out of your house,

### **Family Day Skate – Legacy Centre – Thedford – February 17<sup>th</sup> – 12:30-2:30**

Free Skate with complimentary Hot Chocolate and Popcorn. Our Optimist Club has co-sponsored this event with Lizzy's Country Café and Catering and the Municipality of Lambton Shores.

### **Free to Create – Youth Art Exhibit – May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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](mailto: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).

### **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 February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Community Centre. This will be a pot luck dinner which is always so good! The Social starts at 6:30 and dinner follows at 7:00 pm. An email will go out later to determine who is coming for set up purposes.

**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 February 11<sup>th</sup> in the West Wing of the Community Centre. We should be back upstairs in our Hall for March.

### **Breakfasts - every other month – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Butler's Restaurant – West Ipperwash Rd.**

The next breakfast will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> and calls and/or emails will be made to confirm attendance.

### **Zone Meetings and Conferences:**

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

Third Quarter Conference and Training – April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – Retro Suites – Chatham

SWONT Annual District Convention – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 39<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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