



AUSABLE - PORT FRANKS OPTIMIST CLUB, Port Franks, Ontario, Canada NOM 2LO

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is indeed a pleasure to serve as your president for the next year and to work with all of you towards the betterment of our community and in helping our youth. We are off to a good start and plan to do much more in the future. Optimist events can only be a success if all the people in our area know about them, so spread the word when you hear of an upcoming program.

For those Optimists who have not, for one reason or another, made it out to one of our dinner or general membership meetings, I urge you to try to attend; in the first place we need your input and secondly I am sure you will enjoy the fellowship (it's not all business).

Dave asked me to keep it short, so I'll close by asking all of you to keep it growing. There are a lot of men out there who would probably like to become Optimists and it is just a matter of asking them.

Yours in Optimism,

Len

This is the first edition of the OPTIMISM 'P', the official bulletin of the Ausable-Port Franks Optimist Club.

The object of this bulletin will be to keep you informed on a monthly basis of the upcoming meetings, events and other items of club interest. We welcome your ideas for improvement and would like to be advised of any errors in dates etc. as soon as possible.

The name Optimism P expresses our desire as a club to be an effective force in this community and this can only be achieved by Optimism Performance from all of us.

We as Optimists have now taken upon ourselves the task of promoting programs and events that will, with our guidance, help the young people of this area attain a more active life. We hope the programs will develop good sportsmanship and co-operation which the young people will need to become mature adults and a credit to their community.

With economic times as they are to-day it is difficult to be optimistic. We are a young club with limited funds so money has to be raised to carry on. Many other organizations are out there competing for dollars. Our job will not be easy.

Many years ago one man had his own creed, "He Can Who Thinks He Can".

I believe that this phrase, along with our own Optimist Creed can be a great driving force not only for us to achieve our goals but also for us to pass on to others so they may achieve theirs. It will involve much work on our part. We realize that due to individual circumstances it is not always possible for everyone to participate at all events. However, only a strong active club can accomplish its aims. If, through our efforts, only one girl or boy is led to a more fulfilling way of life, our efforts will not have been in vain.

"He Can Who Thinks He Can". This philosophy led Wm. H. Danforth, in the early 1900's, to establish the largest feed milling operation in the world, the Ralston Purina Co.. Let us use it for ourselves.

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY 26: CHARTER FUNDRAISING BANQUET

It is to be hoped that by now every member has tickets to this most important function. Ralph Ferguson, M.P., and Lorne Henderson, M.P.P., as well as Optimists from our sponsor club and other Optimist clubs will be there so let us make a good showing from our organization.

JUNE 7 MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Couch House Restaurant - 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Speaker: Mr. Al Sinclair of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.

JUNE 21: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Port Franks Community Centre

*business party - you will be called  
pot luck supper*

JUNE 28: BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

Port Franks Community Centre - 7:30 p.m.

PAST PERFORMANCE

MAY 1: A co-operative effort between the Port Franks Beach Assn. and some of our members managed to plant 1000 assorted seedlings in the beach area despite threatening rain. These trees were planted for conservation purposes.

After the work was finished the adults along with 25 young people who helped in the planting met at the Port Franks Recreation Area where they enjoyed hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate. Many thanks to the club members who were able to show up for this project.

MAY 3: MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

Optimist Steve Town circulated a pot for donations to help recent tornado victims of Reece's Corners and area. On such short notice the pot contained \$105.00 by the end of the night. Nice thought, Steve.

MAY 9: Although the interest in a soccer team at present is nil, T-Ball registration was excellent. To date, at least 25, 5-8 year old girls and boys have signed up. The first practice under the guidance of Mike Price was held May 9th and it was good to see so many parents out.

If you know of any girls or boys in this age group who would be interested in playing, registrations will be taken at the practices which are held every Monday at 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Port Franks Rec. Area. No schedule of regular competition has been set up yet but when they become available all parents will be advised.

We are indebted to Mike for his efforts on our behalf in starting this activity for our children. With at least two teams on the go now, Mike is going to need volunteers to help coach the teams or otherwise provide assistance. Anyone who can is asked to be at the Rec. Centre at 7:00 on Mondays.

NOTE: Congratulations and many thanks to our resident amateur artist, Optimist John Young for producing and creating the mast head for our bulletin.

Special thanks also to the following for their help in getting this first effort off the ground: Optimist Ed Hunter for reducing and photocopying the advertising page. Jim Watson Jr. for designing some of our ads. Last but not least the advertisers themselves for subsidizing the cost of the production. Remember these advertisers supported us so let us support them.

MAY 10: At a special directors meeting 2 Optimists were selected as directors of the club. Optimist Ron Huxley for a two year term and Optimist John MacLeod for a one year term.

The following new members are welcomed to our club: Roy Ardiel, Dave Boundy, John Crowe, John Rous, Lydie Stubbs and Bob Vowel.

MAY 14: BICYCLE RODEO  
Many thanks to Bill Rowe and his crew for the excellent way they handled this event. Fifty-one entrants registered and the winners were: Under 10 years: Emma Harris, Leah Hamilton, and Brooke Place.  
Over 10 years: Jennifer Town, Hughie O'Neill and Cathy Wells. Congratulations to the above young people for their efforts. Much of the success of the bicycle rodeo and T-Ball registrations were due to the efforts of Jim Watson Jr. who made up the posters and to Tom Rompf, principal of Bonanquet Central School who made mention of these activities for use. We thank them both for their efforts.

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**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 make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and 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 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.

**OFFICERS FOR 1983-84**

- President ..... Len Belton
- Vice-President ..... Doug Wilson
- Vice-President ..... Jim Waite
- Secretary-Treasurer ..... George Harris

*Dinner meetings are the first Tuesday of each month.  
 Coach House Restaurant, Hwy. 21, North of Junction Hwy. 79.*