

Highliner  
News Bulletin #1

The Port Franks area could have an Optimist Club and you could be a charter member

INFORMATION MEETING

Highlights

- held Monday, January 24 at Coach House
- eight in attendance
- sponsor - Optimist Club of Bluewater, Sarnia Township
- discussed services performed by Optimist Clubs
- discussed perceived needs of Port Franks
- coffee and doughnuts were great! (thanks Mev and Jean)

Conclusions

- more information about the area is needed
- more individuals need to know about the Optimist movement

Decisions:

- \* ·contact will be made with you and a number of others in an attempt to hear your opinions and ideas.

"Not to change the subject" is usually said by people who do.

NEXT MEETING?

An attempt will be made to assemble a dozen or more fellows together. You are under no obligation nor will you be pressured.

You know it's going to be a bad day when your twin sister forgets your birthday

If you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to call.

Optimist Gary Grant  
337-5269

Optimist Ted Leckie  
542-5778

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## NEWS BULLETIN #2

Editor: Gary Grant

There has been a lot of Optimistic talk in the Port Franks area!

Last Saturday, Neil Clay of Port Franks and Ted Leckie, President of the Bluewater Optimist Club of Sarnia Township travelled around the area and talked to a number of you about the possibility of organizing an Optimist Club. Many fellows appeared interested and would like to hear more about it.

### NOTICE OF MEETING

Where? Coach House      When? Monday, February 7, 1983  
Highway #21      Social 6.30 pm      Dinner 7.00 pm

Why? To hear about the services performed by Optimist Clubs and how they can benefit you, your family, the youth and others in the community.

THE DINNER IS "ON" THE BLUEWATER O.C.

Organic farmers till it  
like it is.

### Some Optimist Programs:

Bike Safety  
Oratorical  
Help Them Hear  
Junior Golf

Inflation tip: You can still use  
a dime as a screw-  
driver

Optimist clubs do not compete against each other or with any other service clubs. Often, they combine to work together for the good of the greater community. A few years ago the Optimist Clubs of Lambton combined to spearhead the drive to build a burn care unit for the Sarnia General Hospital. At the same time they took care of local needs by building creative play areas, conducting baby sitting courses, providing orthodontic work to children on welfare, and much more.

You will be contacted about attending the meeting by Neil Clay, Jim Dixon or someone else from the area. Hope you plan to make it.

For further information call: - Neil Clay      243-2598  
Ted Leckie      542-5778  
or Gary Grant      337-5269

January 31, 1983



# H I G H L I N E R

## BULLETIN # 3

EDITOR: Knob Grant  
(337-5269)

WOW: Optimism is spreading throughout the Port Franks area. Look out! It's contagious.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF MONDAY'S DINNER MEETING

Say "YES" to Port Franks

- . 15 area men and five Optimist members enjoyed a super buffet at the Coach House. Thanks again Jean, Mev, and girls.
- . Optimist Knob inadvertently introduced the head table twice.
- . Potential Optimist Len Belton was celebrating his birthday. We should have sang. Belated happy birthday Len.
- . Great dialogue about the needs of the community and the kinds of things that could take place or exist.
- . Neil Clay volunteered to hold applications and membership fee.
- . Five men submitted applications; six or seven others filled one out.

### DID YOU KNOW -

1. first Optimist club was organized in 1911 in Buffalo; first Canadian club was formed in Toronto in 1924
2. our motto is "Friend of Youth"
3. Stew McLay from Sarnia is an International Vice-President
4. ours is the fastest growing service organization in the world
5. wives and children play an important role in an Optimist Club

The painful truth is that there's usually one more pin in a new shirt than you figured on.

Out of the mouths of babes come words we shouldn't have said in the first place.

### NOTICE OF MEETING

WHERE? Community Centre, Port Franks  
WHEN? Monday, February 14, 1983  
TIME? 7.30 P.M.  
coffee, doughnuts  
try to make it                      bring a friend

Men, get those applications and cheques to Neil. Let's take the step that could make your community the envy of many areas. Bring a friend to the next meeting.

INFORMATION? Ted Leckie (542-5778) Neil Clay (243-2598)  
Knob Grant (337-5269)

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## BULLETIN # 4

Editor: Knob Grant  
(337-5269)

Kids! That's mainly what Optimist clubs are all about. Young people need encouragement to participate, guidance in their efforts, and praise for their achievements. Optimist clubs promote good citizenship and a respect for law.

Tact is making your guests feel at home when you wished they were.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LATEST MEETING FEBRUARY 14

- . 14 men met to continue the talk about organizing an Optimist Club
  - . meeting chaired by Steve Towns
  - . generally agreed that the name, "The Optimist Club of Ausable" would be more appropriate
  - . Bob Hexter shared his dream of a better place for young and old to play
  - . five more men completed an application
  - . Randy McKinlay agreed to hold applications and membership fees
  - . Optimist Knob showed everyone his baby picture
- \* Congratulations to the Evoys on their new addition.

Many Optimists, together with their wives and children (about 1000) will be meeting for the District Convention in Sarnia in August. There are many activities for the children and wives, including a boat trip down the St. Clair.

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NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMUNITY HALL, PORT FRANKS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1983  
7.30 p.m.  
coffee, goodies - try to make,  
bring a friend, we hope to  
have 30 in attendance  
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\*Men Signed to Date  
Ted Dunham  
Randy McKinlay  
Len Belton  
Steve Towns  
Doug Wilson  
Ken Savage  
Grant Clarke  
Lee Dunford  
John Young  
Bob Hexter  
*ED AIKEN*

Beware of half truths you may have gotten hold of the wrong half

INFORMATION? Call Ted Leckie (542-5770)  
Randy McKinlay, Len Belton, or  
Steve Towns



# H I G H L I N E R

## BULLETIN # 5

Editor: Knob Grant  
(337-5269)

It's all systems go! Gentlemen, start your engines. The possibility of an Optimist club in the Port Franks area has greatly improved. There are 16 applications on file. You, too, can be a charter member.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LATEST MEETING - FEBRUARY 21

- . 18 guys met at the Community Centre to discuss Optimism
- . two members of the Grand Bend O.C. visited to add their support and spread Optimism
- . benefits of having an organization dedicated to youth and community service were reviewed
- . By-Laws Committee was established to study basic requirements for affiliation with O.I.
- . six more men filed for application
- . Optimist Knob had to get his baby picture out again
- . objective for organization set for March 14

### DID YOU KNOW -

1. There are 130 Optimist clubs in SW Ont. District
2. The boy and girl winners of our District Oratorical program each receive a \$1000.00 scholarship

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 NOTICE OF MEETING  
 You are needed and invited to attend  
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1983  
 COMMUNITY HALL, PORT FRANKS  
 7.30 p.m.  
 Randy McKinlay is the Interim Membership Chairman - (243-2174)  
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### NEWLY SIGNED MEMBERS

1. Ed Aiken
2. George Harris
3. Ham Leong
4. Terry Wells
5. Bill Smith
6. Terry Clysdale

CONGRATULATIONS!

MEN, BRING ONE OR TWO OTHERS OUT TO THE NEXT MEETING

You've probably heard about E.T.'s pregnant sister E-Z

LADIES, how about a baby sitting course for teens?



# HIGHLIGHTER

## BULLETIN # 6

EDITOR: Knob Grant  
(337-5269)

The Optimist movement has continued and you are only a few weeks away from organizing a club.

Because of the increased costs in postage bulletins will only be mailed to fellows who have attended at least one pre-organization meeting. However, a number of copies will be available at both the Coach House and McPherson's. Please pass the word and share the bulletins.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LATEST MEETING - FEBRUARY 28

- . 14 men attended the meeting
- . discussed the structure of the Board of Directors and Committee structure
- . reviewed the purposes of Optimists for the benefit of fellows out for the first time
- . designed a plan to make personal contact with a fair number of fellows who haven't attended any meetings yet
- . five more applications completed

Where there is a will there are relatives

### NEW MEMBERS SIGNED

David Price  
 Ken Evans  
 Bill Rowse  
 Doug Hawkins  
 Daniel Hughes

MEMBERSHIP STANDS AT

21 + 3

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 NOTICE OF MEETING  
 MONDAY, MARCH 7  
 COMMUNITY HALL  
 7.30 P.M.  
 See you there. Possibly a  
 surprise speaker  
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SUPER!

### Did You Know?

The Optimist Club of Bluewater has assisted four schools to purchase and construct creative play areas.

There are quite a few things to decide. We need to know your preferences and opinions. Plan to attend the next meeting. Bring a friend and neighbour. Let's have 40 guys in attendance.

March 1, 1983

I won't say my wife always gets her own way but she writes her diary a week ahead of time.