

# OPTIMIST CLUB OF AUSABLE PORT FRANKS

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## JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



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### Presidents' Message :

Greetings fellow Optimists,

2019 was a year for all of us to be proud of. Through hard work, support, enthusiasm and kindness we have all made a significant contribution towards enriching our children and our community. Our latest event, breakfast with Santa is a perfect example. Wandering through the hall I saw children's eyes filled with wonder and excitement, parents smiling and laughing and grandparents enjoying the magic of it all.

As we start this New Year I encourage all of you to embrace optimism and all that it offers. There are a variety of ways to support optimism and the many things this club achieves. Together we make a difference.

As a reminder we will be having our Sunday breakfast at Butlers on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. There will be a meat raffle at Grogs on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Finally we will be hosting our Souper Sunday event twice this month, check the newsletter for further details.

Find us on Facebook – Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club  
[www.ausableportfranksoptimist.club](http://www.ausableportfranksoptimist.club)

Again, thanks to each and everyone and all the best for 2020.

Yours In Optimism  
Karen Puzara  
Vice-President

## **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 January 18th**

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 January 19<sup>th</sup> we will team up with Forest Optimists and have an event at Kimball Hall and then come to Port Franks on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – 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 – 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 Seniors who would love the company. The next Thursday dates are January 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next Sunday tea is January 12<sup>th</sup>

### **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.

### **Family Day Skate – Legacy Centre – Thedford – February 17th**

Free Skate with complimentary Hot Chocolate and Popcorn. Further details will be posted on our Facebook page and Web Page.

### **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 January 7<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

**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 January 14<sup>th</sup> in the West Wing of the Community Centre.

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

The next breakfast will be on January 19<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.