

OPTIMIST CLUB OF AUSABLE PORT FRANKS

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President's Message :

Greetings fellow Optimists,

I'm not sure about you, but to me it feels like winter is zipping by. That's good because we have so many great events planned for the months ahead. However, let's start with our past successes. In February we held our meat raffle, Soup-er Sunday and our family skate day, which had our best turn out ever!

I hope many of you will be able to attend our dinner on March 3rd. It will be a potluck event, which means great food along with fellowship. If you are feeling lucky be sure to join us at Groggs for our meat raffle on March 21st.

In the meantime let your Optimism shine through every day and be proud of all you do for our community.

Yours In Optimism

Karen Puzara

President

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CORRESPONDENCE:

“Jim and I (Janet) want everyone to know that we have loaned the following to the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club – Large Jenga game, Connect 4 Game and Ladder Game for the club’s use”

FELLOWSHIP:

Belated February birthday wishes go out to Len Belton and James Corcoran.

Birthday wishes go out to Optimist Members celebrating in March: Petar Cuckovic-4, Janet Waite-5, Janice Cuckovic-7, Linda Attard-12, Deb Huxley and Garrett Pedlar-14, Tracy Huxley-26, Aaron Pedlar-30.

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 March 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 Derek

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

On March 29th 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 and buns.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 11th - Community Centre – 10:00 am

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is always a lot of fun for families. Come to the Community Centre at 10:00 to get your free coupons for a hot dog and drink for your child/children/grandchildren. The Hunt starts at 10:30 and everyone comes back with eggs to trade in for treats. Tell your friends and family members.

Arts and Stuff on Wednesdays – Junior Gardener program

When Spring arrives a Junior Gardener program will start. Youth who come out to Arts and Stuff can be introduced to gardening in the Community Garden plot rented by the Optimist Club. Kristy will have interested youth prepare and plant the plot and help out where needed in the Gardens. More information will be forthcoming.

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 are available and you get to keep the mess out of your house.

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.

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).

Indoor Garage Sale – Community Centre – Saturday, May 30th – 9:00 am-2:00 pm

When you do your Spring purging, remember to keep good saleable items and donate to this bi-annual fundraiser for Youth events. You could also rent a table and sell your own items and/or team up with a neighbour. Contact Lorie Scott for more information – 519-243-3005.

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 March 3rd 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 has gone out to determine who is coming for set up purposes. Please try and take the few seconds needed to respond to save phone calls.

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 if you are a paid up member you will have a vote. The next meeting will be on March 10th upstairs in the Optimist Hall.

Zone Meetings and Conferences:

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**

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