

OPTIMIST CLUB OF AUSABLE PORT FRANKS

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Presidents Message:

Hello fellow Optimists,

What a great summer it has been to share and model our optimism. We are certainly blessed to be part of something so great as the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club. We are such a great team and our community certainly benefits from our Priceless Community spirit!

On the second and third Thursday of each month our club joins for coffee time from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Country Manor in Thedford and at Butler's in Kettle Stony Point for bi-monthly breakfast meetings. .These are fantastic opportunities to share time and our future goals with Optimists.

Our club held our annual fishing derby on July 6th where we had a great crowd of young energetic and enthusiastic kids join in a great fishing experience. Our Optimist team did a fantastic job creating a great opportunity for these kids.

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On August 3rd our Optimist team volunteered to do VIP seating at the Grand Bend Motorplex. The Motorplex pays our club to manage the VIP seating. A total of 16 Optimist volunteers worked a 3½ hour shift starting 8:30 a.m. till 10:30 p.m. Thanks to everyone that volunteered as the money raised helps to offset our annual dues.

Ausable Port Franks Optimist held our Art and Nature Camp from August 19th to 23rd. It was a great week thanks to our artists and volunteers. We had the opportunity to give 25 kids a great experience including canvas art, t-shirt painting, glass art, cement mushrooms, painted Shale at Kettle Stony Point and braided Sweetgrass. It was an amazing experience for us all. A big thanks to our Optimist team for making this such an amazing and priceless event.

The Southwestern Ontario district convention was held on August 23rd and 24th in Point Edward where members of our Optimist team joined in celebration and training opportunities. We all had a very special time reflecting on the amazing work that we do and sharing our Inspirations for the future. It was very heartwarming to see what Optimist does for the youth in our communities.

It has been a great summer with a tremendous amount of success to be proud of. A very special thanks to everyone for taking the time to make this community such an exceptional place to live and raise the youth. What we do for the community certainly sets the pace for the future as we model Community love and integrity. Keep up the great work Optimist team!!!

Yours in Optimism,
Walter Michielsens
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MEMBERS

We welcome Kristy Lyons to our Club. Kristy has already been actively involved in Optimist events. Please continue to promote our club to your friends and neighbours.

Meat Raffle – 3rd Saturday of the month from Sept – May – RESUMES ON Sept 21, 2019

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 Walter

Coffee Time at the Thedford Manor – 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each Month

Drop in and socialize with our Seniors who would love the company. The next one is September 12th, followed by the 26th and then October 10th and 24th.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO KEEP ON YOUR RADAR – HELP WILL BE NEEDED!

Poinsettia Tour and Tea Room – October 19th and 20th – LOTS of help needed

Halloween Kids Event

Soup-er Sundays

Breakfast with Santa

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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 September 3rd. A special dinner to honour our Past Presidents is being planned. By this time you will have received a phone call to ask about your attendance.

If you indicate that you are coming and find that you cannot – please advise Fran – 519-243-2452 - so you will not be charged for any meal that is catered.

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 at times). 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 September 10th. It will be the last meeting with the current Board.

Breakfasts - every other month – 3rd Sunday – Butler's Restaurant – West Ipperwash Rd.

The next breakfast will resume in September.15th but more information will follow.

Zone Meetings and Conferences:

Stay tuned

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**

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.