

OPTIMIST CLUB OF AUSABLE PORT FRANKS

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Presidents' Message :

Hello fellow Optimists,

We are well entrenched in our Youth and Community programs and events already. A BIG SHOUT OUT to our Optimist members who worked the October Zone Meeting, the first one for this new Optimist Year. It was fantastic with beautiful fall decorations and a wonderful meal. Our new Board was installed by Lt. Governor John Stokerman with District Governor Ruth Quenneville looking on as all clubs represented were also installed. We had door prizes and other draws. Our Optimist member, Randy Sommerville was the lucky winner of a framed print by our own Optimist Red Dog (Jeffery George). Do yourself a favour and attend these special events/dinner meetings. The next big event is October 26th at 6:00 pm. This is a Charter Party/Comedy night to welcome our new club – Kettle and Stony Point First Nations Optimists, founded by our club. BE PROUD and come out for \$40 to enjoy a full roast beef dinner, door prizes, cash bar if you wish and 2 ½ hours of comedy. Call ASAP – President Fran Bell – 519-243-2452 and I will have your tickets waiting for you at the door – KIMBALL HALL FOREST.

A super job was done once again by chairs Linda Attard and Barb Willsie for our Poinsettia Tour Tea Room with Vendor sale tables. This was an overwhelming success and it was wonderful to

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see so many out with their Optimist shirts. It worked like clockwork – a very well oiled team for two solid days. A BIG THANK YOU to our non Optimist volunteers and the cash donations to our bake table. President Fran will be sending Thank You cards to everyone and especially to our two student volunteers on Sunday. I am so proud of our Optimist Team.

Please note that there will be NO Breakfast at Butlers on Sunday November 17th. The next one will be on January 19th at 10:00 am. Fran will call to get numbers attending. Don't forget to support our Halloween Family Fun Day from 1-3:00 pm on Saturday October 26th. We need your help to continue serving the youth and community. Please call or email Karen Puzara if you can help.

Our next General/Dinner Meeting will be a Pot Luck on November 5th with the Social at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. We will have guest speaker, Ruth Illman talking to us about the Kiwanis Forest Kineto Theatre. Fran will call for your intentions.

Our next Board meeting is Tuesday, November 12th. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm and we will be reviewing our Club Policies. This is your Optimist Club and you do have a say. All members in good standing (Dues must be paid) may attend and will have a vote. A warm welcome to newly appointed Board Member, Pattie Bonesteel!

The Official opening/dedication of the new Trail Head on Thursday, October 17th was well attended by many of our Optimists who are also Lambton Shores Nature Trails members. This is a Community in Action and how exciting is that.

Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 8th from 10-noon is fast approaching.

Yours in Optimism
Fran Bell
Optimist President

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 Oct. 26, 2019
This is one week later due to the Poinsettia Tour Event on October 19th The one following will be on November 16th**

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 Fran

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

Drop in and socialize with our Seniors who would love the company. The next Thursday dates are October 24th followed by November 14th and 28th. The next Sunday tea is November 10th.

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.

Halloween Event – Kids Party – October 26th – 1:00-3:00 pm

Lots of help will be needed to set up in the morning of October 26th and at the event. Please take the time to contact Karen Puzara if you can help – kpuzara@gmail.com .

Soup-er Sundays – First one this season is Sunday, November 24th – noon until 3:00 pm

Karen and Tony Puzara will have large games set up for families to pass time with others on a Sunday afternoon. Soup lunch is available for \$5. This is open to families or individuals. Contact Karen if you can help at any of the Soup-er Sunday dates – kpuzara@gmail.com or 519-243-3612.

Breakfast with Santa – December 8th from 10:00 to noon

This is another event that requires lots of help to make it run smoothly. Please contact Derek Scott if you can assist in any way. derekscott@execulink.com or 519-243-3005.

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 contract 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). Sonja will have a table at the LSNT Holiday Marketplace on December 1st at the Community Centre where you can register and get a kit for anyone from 5-18 years of age.

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 November 5th. This will be a Pot Luck dinner.

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 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 November 12th.

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

The next breakfast will be on January 19th due to member commitments on the November date. More information will follow.

Zone Meetings and Conferences:

First Quarter Conference and Training – November 8th and 9th – Best Western Stoneridge, London

Second Quarter Conference and Training – February 21st and 22nd, 2020 – Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Centre – Sarnia/Point Edward

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**

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.