

OPTIMIST CLUB OF AUSABLE PORT FRANKS

1-9997 Port Franks Rd., Port Franks ON N0M 2L0
www.ausableportfranksoptimist.club/

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
SWONT DISTRICT - 45
2018/19



REV'D UP FOR OPTIMISM
Governor - Cheryl Bolton

CLUB OFFICERS

President – Fran Bell – 519-243-2452

Past-President: Walter Michielsens – waltdirect@hay.net 519-857-7014

1st Vice President: Karen Puzara - kpuzara@gmail.com 519-243-3612

2nd Vice-President: Red George – indianwars@outlook.com – 519-328-0550

Secretary: Linda Attard - llattard@gmail.com - 519-243-1596

Treasurer: Derek Scott - derekscott@execulink.com - 519-243-3005

Directors

Tony Puzara – anthonypuzara@holliswealth.com – 519-243-3612

Kim Kowall – kimrstang@yahoo.ca – 519-464-2075

Mary Ann Strybosch – mchristiana58sobanski@gmail.com – 226-237-6257

Lorie Scott – loriescott@execulink.com – 519-243-3005

Lyette Audet – 519-296-5721

Katherine Pym – kate50@execulink.com – 519-871-4492

Sydney Ridell – sydney.ridell13@gmail.com

Presidents' Messages :

Hello fellow Optimists,

What a great year it has been for Ausable Port Franks Optimists and the community it serves. September 30th is our Optimist year end so it's an exciting time as we welcome our new board members for 2019/2020. I extend a very special welcome to our new team leaders, Fran Bell as President, Red George as 2nd Vice-President and new Directors, Mary Ann Strybosch, Kim Kowall, Sydney Ridell and Lorie Scott. It will certainly be another amazing year with such a passionate and hard working team.

September was another fantastic month for our club with lots of success once again. On September 3rd our Club held a potluck dinner meeting where we enjoyed quality time sharing great food and fellowship. This was a great time to share our thoughts and update each other on past and upcoming events.

Find us on Facebook – Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club
www.ausableportfranksoptimist.club

On September 6th our club partnered with the Port Franks Seniors for the annual Mickey Couldridge Weir golf tournament held at Widder Station. The weather was great so everyone certainly had a nice time. Thanks to our Optimist volunteers for making this another great success!

Our club is doing a coffee time event every second Thursday morning from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Country Manor in Thedford. On September 12th Becky brought in her little dog which really raised the spirits of everyone. They certainly appreciate the opportunity to get together with visitors.

Our club joined Ipperwash Beach Club in the “Move over Dover” motorcycle event by doing traffic control on Friday September 13th. Our club volunteers did a fantastic job working hand in hand with neighbours, law enforcement and guests of the event. Money received from doing traffic control goes to our Optimist Club for our important events and to support our local Youth. On September 15th our Club met at Butlers in Kettle Point for breakfast where we shared quality time over a fantastic breakfast. The smiles and laughter were priceless and someday we will certainly remember these days as the good old days.

Our club has resumed its Wednesday open house arts and stuff event where the community is welcome to share and expand their artistic and creative minds while spending time together as a community.

Our club held a meat raffle at Grogs restaurant on September 21st where we sold tickets for meat, eggs and prizes plus the 50/50 draw. The energy was great with all that optimism in the air. We all had a fantastic time while raising important money for our club’s service to the community. Soup-er Sundays will resume again in November where the community is welcome to join for soup and sandwiches while enjoying time playing giant games along with arts and crafts. This is a great event giving the community an opportunity to share quality time.

September has certainly been busy for our club with non-stop action and success. It has been a great honour to serve as president for the past 2 years. I want to thank each and every one of you for taking the time to share your energy with this community in optimism. Together we make an amazing team as our success has shown.

I am looking forward to another fantastic Optimist year. Keep up the great work Optimist team!!!

Yours in Optimism,
Walter Michielsens – Outgoing President

Welcome to another year of true optimism! Our outgoing President, Walter, has set a high road to follow and with his mentoring as Past President, we will continue to serve our youth and community. With everyone's help, our club will maintain its well deserved reputation.

Fran Bell 2019-2020
Incoming President

MEMBERS

New Member last month – correction – should be Kristy Lyon. Please continue to promote our club 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

Grogs Restaurant from 2 pm to 4pm

Find us on Facebook – Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club
www.ausableportfranksoptimist.club

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

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

Poinsettia Tour and Tea Room Event – October 19th and 20th

We have had many people email back about their availability to help but if you haven't responded and can spare some time on either or both of these days your help will be very much appreciated. We can always use more dessert donations for the tea room and for our bake sale table so please let us know if you can help in this way if you haven't already.

Linda Attard - llattard@gmail.com or Barb Willsie – gillespiegardens@yahoo.com

Halloween Event – Kids Party – October 26th – times to follow

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 . Please don't hesitate to do this as soon as possible if you are available.

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)

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

Soup-er Sundays

Breakfast with Santa

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 October 1st. This will be a spaghetti dinner. 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 October 8th. It will be the first meeting of the new Board.

Breakfasts - every other month – 3rd Sunday – Butler’s Restaurant – West Ipperwash Rd.
The next breakfast will be on November 17th and more information will follow.

Zone Meetings and Conferences:

New Charter Party regarding the Kettle and Stony Point First Nations Club – October 26th at Kimball Hall – Comedy Night and Roast Beef Dinner for \$40. Contact Fran Bell – 519-243-2452

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.