



Central Ontario District

Message from Governor Paul Thomson



Well, October 1st has finally arrived and we are off and running on what I know will be an exceptional year. As I traveled to various Optimist Clubs inducting their new executive, I was pleased to also induct new members at the same time. WOW what a beginning to our year. If we keep building on this momentum, great things will happen.

Unfortunately we have a few glitches and problems, not the least which is our CENON Web Site, we have not been able to update since the sudden loss of our Web Master Sheldon Korentayer. Currently we are attempting to rectify this situation and I am confident that by the 1st District Conference we will have this problem solved.

Many of you have graciously invited Sheril and I to attend numerous activities, meetings and events with your clubs, we will try to attend as many as possible with work schedules, time and weather permitting.

I hope to see many Optimists and Friends at our 1st District Conference in Burlington. CENON will be host to International Vice President Richard Bloom and Teammate Connie, our fearless leader for the Great Lakes Region.

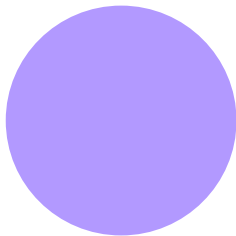
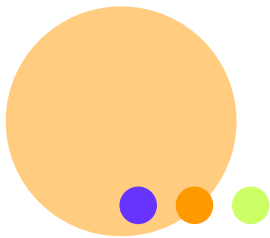
Richard and Connie have a wealth of experience to offer the members and guests of Central Ontario and has become a good friend to our district.

Sheril and I just returned from the Past Governor's Conference in Grand Bend Ontario and it was sure nice as governor to participate and gain insight and share experiences with Past Governors, Governors and Governor Elects from Southwest and Midwest Ontario and have the opportunity to share these experiences with Past Governors from our own district.

I am confident that we are off to a great start and look forward to our travels throughout this Great District.

Once again I look forward to meeting you at the 1st District Conference, November 21 – 23 at the Holiday Inn Burlington. I encourage and welcome clubs to bring along new members to our conference I know that Intl V.P. Richard and I would be honoured to induct new members during the conference.

Yours in Optimism
Governor Paul





Central Ontario 1st Quarter District Conference November 21 - 22, 2008

Holiday Inn Guelph Line, 3063 South Service Road,
Burlington, Ontario L7N 3E9
For Reservations, contact Reservations Coordinator at Phone: 905-
639-4443 or 1-888-987-4888 or Email: unh2248res@whg. Com

Standard Room - \$125; Business King - \$135; King Executive - \$140
+ Taxes per night
PLEASE INDICATE: OPTIMIST, CENTRAL ONTARIO DISTRICT BLOCK
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*****Governor Paul has asked that all attendees bring new or gently
used mitts, gloves, hats, coats and boots. Donations will be given
to the local Youth Outreach Centre.**

Future District Conferences & Convention

February 20 - 21, 2009 at Holiday Inn Suites, 7095 Woodbine Avenue, Markham, Ontario

May 22 - 23, 2009 at Ambassador Hotel, 1550 Princess Street, Kingston, Ontario

August 14 - 15, 2008 at Best Western Orangeville Inn, 7 Buena Visa Drive, Orangeville, Ontario



Message from International President Don Sievers

President Don's theme this year is "Give Me Five for the Kids". He is looking forward to giving Optimists "High Fives" for all our accomplishments.



1. Increase membership in each Club by FIVE.
2. Consider FIVE projects or fundraisers.
3. Make a goal of watching FIVE existing Club projects grow.
4. Zero in on FIVE locations for possible new Clubs.
5. Brainstorm FIVE ways you can personally improve your Club and District.

Club Bulletins



Please forward copies of your bulletins. We need your input so that we may advise membership of any interesting projects that you would like to share (and be proud of). You may send by email to jimlynge@rogers.com or mail to 19 Shieldmark Crescent, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 3T6. There also are awards for top three bulletins at the end of the fiscal year.

As an example, Floyd Smelser from Dunnville has asked that they have their annual fall raffle on November 28th. He will be bringing some tickets to the quarter board (save a couple for me, Floyd).

And I see on Stoney Creek's bulletin that Ian and Joan Carter have welcomed a new grandson (Benjamin Alexander). Wow, Joan.....a grandmother at 39!!

Georgetown has asked me to advise about their Club's Fundraisers...Texas Hold'm Poker nights on Dec. 6, Jan. 16, Feb. 27, March 20, April 24, May 15 and June 12.

Keep those tidbits of information coming.

Jimbo's Jottings.....



Ponderisms

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

If the Professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix an 18 inch hole in a boat?

Why do psychics have to ask your name?

Why does the Alphabet Song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing those two songs?

If Wiley Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?

And.....why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Remember, half the people you know are below average.