



Central Ontario District

April message from Governor Tom McNaught



It is hard to believe that we have just passed the halfway point of this Optimist year. CENON still has 61 clubs in ten zones, with 1531 members, down 13 from October 1st. I am aware of two recent successful NOW events held in Zone 3 that will result in at least 8 new members for each of those clubs. This is proof that a properly planned NOW program will work as outlined on the site www.optimistleaders.org. Go into the “leadership information” tab and it is in the club president’s workbook section.



I am sure that all Club Presidents have made known the new OI incentive program of “**Recruit 4 Members and you’re free**”! This window of opportunity started on February 22 until September 30. In addition CENON will conduct a draw for a \$50.00 gas certificate for all **4** new member sponsors for the entire year, at the Third Quarter Conference in Belleville plus another draw at the Convention in Oakville. (The Convention theme is **You “Auto” Be in Oakville**, August 27-29, 2010). There are plans for New Community Growth in the priority picked areas of New Tecumseth (Alliston) and Frankford. All out efforts must be made in the Third Quarter to bring in both as new District Clubs.

April is the time to elect new club officials for next year. Please encourage the members in your club to step forward and challenge themselves in the future of our great organization, either as a club executive or even to our district team. Going forward, this is where new and fresh ideas come from.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Belleville, on May 15, when we will be conducting the District Finals of the Oratorical Contest, plus hearing from and recognizing the winners of the Essay and CCDHH contest.

Governor Tom

PS: Remember to “Score Big for the Kids”



CENTRAL ONTARIO

Conferences/Convention

Third Quarter Conference is May 14-15, 2010 at Ramada Inn on the Bay, Belleville. Registration and pertinent information are on the Cenon website www.cenon.org

4th Quarter District Convention - YOU "AUTO" BE IN OAKVILLE !!

Convention and Board Meeting August 27-29, 2010 at Holiday Inn, Oakville

This meeting is open to all members of Optimist Clubs in Central Ontario. Included: educational seminars, Oldtimer's Breakfast, Election of Officers, Governor's Celebration Banquet. All information is also on the website.

Clubs and/or members are invited to participate in a Silent Auction once again with theme baskets. Baskets can be any shape, size or theme, and all baskets will be on display throughout the Convention for bidding.

Silent Auction bidding will close at 10 p.m. during the Governor's Celebration on Saturday August 28th, 2010.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used to cover costs incurred by hosting the convention. Any remaining profit will be disbursed by the committee.

92nd Optimist International Convention July 8-10, 2010 Denver, Colorado

Don't miss out on all of the excitement as folks travel to the "Mile High City" to attend the 92nd annual International Convention at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel.

Not only is the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel in its final stages of a \$70 million transformation, it is ideally situated on the popular 16th Street Pedestrian Mall, in the heart of Denver's financial district.

Complimentary shuttle service extends the full length of the mall to downtown's finest shopping, dining and entertainment venues. Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel is adjacent to the Pavilions shopping and entertainment complex, featuring movie theatres, upscale shopping, restaurants and an array of activities and events.

All information is on the O.I. website at www.optimist.org
Click on the Members section.



Parallel District Conference

Mark your calendars for this first ever Parallel event on October 22-24, 2010 at the Hilton, Niagara Falls. Michigan, Central Ontario, Midwestern Ontario, Southwestern Ontario, Atlantic Northeast, and Atlantic Central districts will join together for an amazing event. It will be filled with Outstanding workshops, Unrivalled Enthusiasm, Loads of fun. Don't miss it.

Sad News

Regretfully, we must announce that we lost two outstanding Optimists...both on April 5th.

Phyllis Ann Way was a member of the Oakville Club and a past Lieutenant Governor. Condolences to husband Optimist Bob Way and family.

Rick Hubbard was a member of the Whitby Club and was also a past Lieutenant Governor. Condolences to wife Optimist Judy and family.

Honour Club Requirements

All clubs are challenged to achieve Honour status by completing the following:

- Membership: Clubs with 1-74 Members Net +5 (as of October 1); Clubs 75 or more net +1 (as of October 1)
- Finances: to Optimist International by September 30, 2010
- Complete three service projects & submit a minimum of one CPA entry
- Submit Officer-Elect Report by May 20, 2010; Submit President's Pride report by September 30, 2010
- Club President or Board member attends 50% of District meetings



Past Governor George Clarke has asked me to pass on the following information regarding CCDH and his travels in Jordan.

“I had an interesting meeting with a Monk here recently who runs the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, Jordan. It’s a marvelous place. They have about 125 students of all ages. They train them in life skills as well as normal schooling. They have a woodworking, an ironworking shop and for women they teach them cooking, weaving, pottery and other crafts.

They are looking for some help to send a couple of deaf people and their interpreters to the International Conference of Education of the Deaf being held in Vancouver this July. Is there any chance you could spread the word to the CCDHH clubs (I mean the ones that support CCDHH) to see if anyone is interested in helping?

They need to raise a total of \$10,000. The place has a great website.”

<http://www.allah->

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The Monk’s name is Bro. Andrew A. L. de Carpentier and he can be reached at hlid@go.co.jo.

Committee Chairs



Junior Golf Program: District Chair Dennis Kwasnicki advises that the District Qualifying Tournament will once again be at Caledon Country Club on June 21st, 2010. There are still openings and sponsorship of a young player is \$75.00 each. Dennis could still use some financial support. Each Club that donates \$200.00 or more will receive an exclusive Hole Sponsorship. Contact Dennis at kwas@rogers.com . Cheques should be made payable to Dennis Kwasnicki for Junior Golf.

Oratorical: Chair Linda Mitchinson wishes to remind everyone that the District final will be at the third quarter board meeting on Saturday May 15th in Belleville. Contest will be in the morning and winner announced at the luncheon. Contact Linda at lmitchinson@quickclic.net if you need some information.

Essay: Essay Chair Don MacDonald advises that this year's winners are:

Winner: Deanna Choi, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Cataraqui/Kingston.

Runner-Up: Brianna Smrke, sponsored by The Optimist Club of Etobicoke.

Third Place: Kelsey Juraschka, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Greensville.

Deanna's essay has been forwarded to O.I. for the International round of the contest.

Deanna has been asked to come out to the 3rd Conference on May 15th to read her essay and accept her award.

Achievement and Awards: Chair Lauralee Reily advises that you can download the proper form from the website.

Candidates Qualifications: Chair Paul Thomson needs names for all potential Lieutenant Governors AND candidate(s) for Governor Elect 2010/2011.

Childhood Cancer Campaign: Chair Ted Simmonds will be, once again, collecting pennies at the May ¼ board. Let's fill up his vehicle again.

Bulletin: Congratulations to the following who were recognized at the last ¼ board as winners of last year's best bulletins.

Winner: Optimist Club of Dunnville, Bulletin Editor Floyd Smelser

Runner Up: Optimist Club of Stoney Creek, Bulletin Editor John Lawrence

Third Place: Optimist Club of Aurora, Bulletin Editor Alex Ansell.

Keep those bulletins coming. Email to jimlynge@rogers.com or mail to me at 19 Shieldmark Cr., Thornhill, Ont L3T 3T6. NOTE: As mentioned before, it is imperative that the name of the bulletin editor is shown on the bulletin.

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself-

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

HAIL TO OPTIMISM

Hail to Optimism

Inspiration Blessed

Spreading smiles and gladness over all the rest

Rally 'round our standard

It shall sure prevail

Optimism on forever

Hail, Hail, Hail