



Central Ontario District

Summer message from Governor Tom McNaught



The Optimist International Convention in Denver was very busy having been condensed from four days into just three days this year. A very wide range of workshops were offered with excellent ideas and training for all participants. Seventeen attended from Central Ontario. A new website from OI was introduced and you can try it at www.eoptimist.org.

As of July 15th, CENON was ranked number 6 in all of OI with 1559 members or +15 from last October 1. We must maintain this positive trend through the end of September and it will give Jim a great starting point for the next year.

There are now 23 Clubs showing a net increase in membership for the year: Richmond Hill (11), Oakville (11), Main Place-Erin (10), Kemptville (7), Carlisle (5), Brooklin (5), Port Colborne (3), Puslinch (3), Erin (3), Ennismore (3), Burlington (2), Lindsay (2), Arnprior (2), Lancaster (2), Ancaster (1), Dunnville (1), Ajax (1), Waterdown (1), Aurora (1), Brampton (1), Caledon (1), Douro (1) and Spencerville (1). All of these Clubs could be in honour status with a little more push for additional members in the remaining two months.

I would like to congratulate several of our Clubs that celebrated milestone anniversaries this year: Caledon 25 years, Aurora 25 years, Erin 30 years, Burlington 40 years, Grantham-St. Catharines 55 years, Dunnville 55 years, Newmarket 60 years and Niagara Falls 70 years.

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 Convention in Oakville. (the Convention theme is You “Auto” Be in Oakville, August 27-29, 2010).





I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Oakville, where training for Lieutenant Governor Elects, President Elects and Secretary Elects plus other workshops will be offered. There will be a “Themed Basket Silent Auction” culminating at the Governor’s Celebration on Saturday evening. Vice President Marc Katz will be attending to assist in training plus installation of the new Executive Committee and District Chairs.

Gov. Tom

PS: Remember to “Score Big for the Kids”

Conferences/Convention

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 where the new board will be introduced and installed by Vice President Marc Katz.

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.

All information is on the website at www.cenon.org



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.

Early Bird Registration by September 10 - \$55.00

Prepaid Registration - \$60.00

On Site Registration - \$65.00

Registration includes Saturday luncheon on the rooftop lounge overlooking the falls.

Room Rates

Thursday and Friday City View - \$99.00

Saturday City View - \$119.00

Thursday and Friday - Fallsview - \$119.00

Saturday Fallsview - \$279.00

Complimentary Valet Parking

Central Ontario Junior Golf

Competition was held on June 21st at Caledon Golf and Country Club. I had the pleasure of being there and helping out. What a beautiful day it was. There were 21 young golfers who will be going to the Canadian Tourney August 9-11th. Also, the following are the winners of each division who have qualified to go to Florida.

16-18 Boys	Mitchel Kennedy	71
14-15 Boys	Michael Rheaume	74
14-15 Girls	Adrienne D'Alesio	84
12-13 Boys	Johnathon McDonald	74
10-11 Boys	Nicklaus Naumovski	85

Congratulations once again to Dennis Kwasnicki for this great event. I'll be sure to be there next year.



Honour Club Requirements

This is a reminder from the last bulletin. 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

Barrie Golf Tournament

Bryan Whittaker from the Barrie Club has asked that the following be included in the bulletin:

The Barrie Optimist Club and the Barrie Soccer Club are jointly hosting their 5th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 17, 2010 at The Innisbrook Golf Club with an 11:30 AM shotgun start. Funds raised will go back into our community to assist with the ongoing maintenance of The Barrie Soccer Club property and towards many youth projects in the Barrie area.

Both clubs are asking for your support with this event. Opportunities include hole sponsors, door prizes/silent auction items, and welcome bag prizes for each golfer that attends. Our goal is to raise approximately \$20,000.00.

Cost is \$120.00 per person which includes cart and steak dinner. For more information, please contact Kim McNamee at the Barrie Soccer Club at 705-739-7844 or email at

kmcnamee@barriesoccer.com

Childhood Cancer Campaign

CCC Chair Ted Simmonds has asked that the following report be included in the bulletin:

Childhood Cancer Campaign Donations in 2009-2010

My very sincere thanks for the generosity of the CENON members, and clubs, for your support of this worthy cause, in continuing to collect pennies, and getting them to me at various convenient times.

Of course, larger cheques have been given, and are much appreciated as well. Heading into the summer, Convention, and final Quarter of this year, I present to you a list of credited donations received so far. In addition, several clubs, and one zone, have made anonymous contributions (see "Loose", in the list.)

At the end of the year, a special Banner Patch will be given, for club contributions of \$100.00, or more. Individuals who donate a minimum of \$25.00 will earn receipts for income tax purposes from OI.

Clubs - totals

(includes individual donations)

(Contributions have been "rounded up" to the nearest dollar, to make life easier for the accountants at OI. I have enough pennies on hand to be able to do this with no difficulties)

Brampton	\$25.00
Caledon	\$70.00
Erin	\$100.00
Georgetown	\$5.00
Hamilton	\$110.00
Milton	\$15.00
Niagara Falls	\$500.00
Orangeville	\$100.00
Richmond Hill	\$70.00
Oakville	\$105.00
Scarborough	\$25.00
St. Catharine's	\$30.00
Loose	\$45.00
Total	\$1200.00

An additional donation of \$1000.00 was made by one club to be credited to another.

While thanking those who have made their generous donations, I challenge others to follow suit.

CCC Chair
"Too Tall" Ted Simmonds

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