

**CENTRAL ONTARIO DISTRICT  
Annual General Assembly  
Blue Mountain Resort - Collingwood  
Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 ~ Weider room 3**

**Head Table:** Gov Jim Lynge, Sonia Anderson Vice President Designate for the Southeast Region., P Gov Tom McNaught, P Gov. Paul Thomson, Secretary/Treasurer Gordon Holly, Gov. Designate Anne Donkers

The meeting was called to order by Governor Jim

Gov-Designate Anne provided the invocation

Welcome and introductions were provided by Gov. Jim.

**Approval of the Agenda:** - Moved by Mac Rumble, Second by Susan Lynge, Carried.

**Approval of the 2010 4th Quarter General Assembly Minutes** – moved by LG, Sandra Stokes, seconded by LG PG Brian Wick, motion carried.

**Approval of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Statement:** - Moved by LG, PG Brian Wick, seconded by LG Sandra Stokes, motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**O.I. Foundation-** Foundation rep PG Brian Wick reported that a total of \$1440.00 had been raised this weekend.

**Jr. Golf** – Gov Jim on behalf of PG Dennis Kwasnicki reported once again a successful tournament and thanked everyone who participated either at the tournament or through hole sponsorships. He was happy to report that once again we had a carry forward of \$3914.34. A total of 61 golfers participated on June 25, 2011. Michael Richards 16, of Cobourg was the 16 to 18 winner shooting 75 and Ryan Dick, 17 of Welland shot 77. Both qualify for all expense paid trip to the Optimist International Championship in Florida.

**International Convention report -** Gov Jim presented attendance certificates on behalf of chair Linda Mitchinson who was unable to attend.

**New Community Growth** – Gov Jim reported that the district was in good shape and showing steady growth in many areas with the exception of the loss of the non-traditional clubs. We added 175 new members this year. Gov Jim reminded all that the gift certificates for the final quarter will be calculated for new member additions right up to the last day and will be presented at the first quarter board of the new term.

**Candidates Qualifications** – PG Tom McNaught reported that as of this date we have filled all LT.'s positions filled: Zone 1 – Lynne Twocock, Zone 2 – Sandra Stokes, Zone 3 – Ken Williams, Zone 4 – Barbara Holly, Zone 5 – Glen Sharp, Zone 6 – Sue Montgomery, Zone 7 – Gordon Holly,

Zone 8 – Annette Cowan, Zone 9 – PG Brian Wick, Zone 10 – Josh Couture. At present, there is one candidate for the position of Governor Elect, Gordon Holly.

**Election of Governor Elect** – Past Gov Tom McNaught called for nominations from the floor and with none received it was moved by Ted Simmonds and seconded by Jim Dallimore that nominations be closed. The motion was carried and Dist S/T Gord Holly became Governor Elect. Gov. Elect Gord thanked everyone for their support and reinforced the just ask motto with how he entered Optimism many years ago.

**District Convention Report-** PG Sheril Thomson reported that there were a total of 68 members at the convention and 6 guests, 55 were present for the old timer's breakfast and 63 at the Governors celebration. There were 24 clubs represented.

**2011 – 2012 Convention Site** – Governor Designate Anne Donkers announced the site for the convention will be the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa, August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2012. The site is located downtown in close proximity to the Parliament buildings and there are many things to do including an amphibious bus tour on the Rideau Canal.

**Resolutions** – PG Tom McNaught presented the 2010 2011 resolutions. Adoption moved by PG Brian Wick, Second Mac Rumble. Carried.

**Keynote Address** – O.I. VP elect Sonia delivered an inspirational address and reminded us of the 33 days we had left in our term and that with our growth and clean up distinguished and honour were still within our grasp if we only continued the efforts we had displayed so far this year. She thanked everyone for their efforts. Sonia was thanked by Gov. designate Anne Donkers and presented with a gift that depicts Canada by Gov Jim and First Lady Susan.

Dist. S/T Thanked Gov Jim on behalf of his team for a fantastic and fun year and presented Gov Jim gift from his team.

#### **New Business:**

**Web Site** – Web master PG Brian Wick reminded all that there will be new codes for the new teams coming in and he would gladly provide a tutorial for those that may wish one.

**Policy Review-** PG Tom Mcnaught presented the proposed policy changes as a result of the Past Governor's meeting and the review of the budget surplus. The proposed changes were as circulated prior to the convention. Adoption moved by PG Paul Thomson, Second Susan Lynge. Carried.

**Goderich Disaster relief** – A resolution was brought to the floor by Optimist Ted Simmonds that the Optimist Clubs of Cenon contact the Optimist Club of Seaforth to coordinate relief efforts to the benefit of the youth in the tornado devastated Goderich community. Moved: Don Richard, Second: LG Sue Montgomery. Carried. PG Brian Wick offered to make contact and report back as to the needs.

**Mac McDonald Membership Award** – was presented to the Optimist club of Oshawa for plus 10 in membership by Brenda and Mac McDonald.

**The next Executive and Board meeting:** will be Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Holiday Inn, St. Catharines, ON. Rooms and times to be advised.

**Adjourned with the Creed**