



# KW Optimist Club-Opti-KW-ips

Helping over 5,200 Kids per year with our Heidelberg Optimist Camp.

### Special points of interest:

- **Canada 100 YEAR**
- **Midwestern District Golf**
- **Ride Safe Bike Rodeo**

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**It's Spring time. & New member time.**

## President's Message

Well I'm doing this on April fool's Day. After the brutal two week debacle at St. Mary's hospital I guess the joke's on me! Anyhow the Nomination Committee met last Thursday and we have a full slate of Board Members which PP George is publishing now. President-elect Ralph Sperling is contemplating doing a two year term similar to the one Opti/PP Rob Parent did during the COVID crisis. Still working on a 1st and 2nd V-P however. I want to thank a number of Optimists who I've been leaning on during my stint in the hospital. Treasurer Joe and Cecelia who have taken on the role of Bingo champs in my



absence; Secretary Ian for, well, just being my bro-in-law and help me during my stint at St. Mary's; PP John Moyer for keeping the camp in order, and Optimist Jim Musselman, the "teddy bear" man who helps out in many areas and advising me. I invited President Maurie Sheppard and her club to join us for an inter club dinner at Heidelberg on 9 April. She appears optimistic and will get back to me after their club's meeting on Tuesday. I asked her to provide the "Greek" Caterer for the evening and speak about the upcoming Bike Rodeo on April 28th. Well that's it from me, so be well or better than me!! Prez Rick.

**2023 - 2024 Officers**

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Exec. & Board

**PRESIDENT** Rick La Rush  
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**SECRETARY** Ian Fraser

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**ONE YEARS**

Kendra La Rush, Bill Kern  
 Gord Beckenhauer, Jim Musselman

TWO YEAR

Rob Parent, Bruce Curry  
 Justin Wind, Joel Wind

Bulletin Editor

**GEORGE HARPER**  
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**KW Optimist Club Meetings**  
Dinner Meetings:  
 2nd Tues of the month

Board Meetings:  
 4th Tues of the month

**519-885-1119**  
 "Please leave a message if you want us to return your call"

Email  
[thekwoptimistclub@gmail.com](mailto:thekwoptimistclub@gmail.com)

Location  
**Camp Heidelberg**  
 2001 Kressler Rd.  
 Heidelberg, ON N2J 3Z4

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 PO Box 42052 550 King  
 Street North  
 Waterloo, ON N2L 6K5



**Nominating Committee Recommendations for Officers and Directors for 2024–2025**

**President** – Ralph Sperling – 2 terms (2 years);

**First V-P** – vacant;

**Second V-P** – vacant;

**Directors One year**      **Directors two year**

Rob Parent                      John Moyer

Bruce Curry                    Frank Watty

Justin Wind                    Brad Straus

Joel Wind                      Oz Gunal

The election of Officers will be at the April dinner meeting April 9th.

Someone wishing to run for a position must have their name into the Secretary (Ian) BY **no** later then **April 05** so they can be added to the agenda for the vote.

**Next Dinner Meeting - April 09 at your club.**  
**Also Election of Officers.**

Did you know, the Optimist Club of Toronto was the first club to be chartered outside of the United States in January 1924? Since then, over 500 clubs have been chartered across Canada. Don't miss the opportunity to help celebrate 100 Years of Optimism in Canada during the Convention! Interested in learning more about the 100 years of Optimism Canada?

<https://www.optimist.org/Member/convention.cfm>

The three falls work together to create the Worlds most incredible waterfall rate. Every year, 30 million tourists see this magnificent natural spectacle. It's breathtaking sight that everyone should experience at least once in their lives. The sheer volume of water rushing over Niagara Falls is thrilling.

**• BINGO DATES • BINGO DATES • BINGO DATES**

**All dates are**  
**Thursday evening**

- Apr-04-2024 • May-02-2024**
- May-30-2024 • Jun-27-2024**
- Jul-25-2024 • Aug-22-2024**
- Sep-19-2024 • Oct-17-2024**
- Nov-14-2024 • Dec-12-2024**

**BINGO**

14	29	38	52	74
4	18	33	46	62
7	16	★	60	71
9	27	44	51	67
12	23	35	47	73



## Request for Support

Optimist Clubs have been in Canada since 1924. The Midwestern Ontario District Optimists include 66 adult clubs and four Junior Optimist International clubs. These clubs span the area from London to Kitchener and Guelph and north to Owen Sound.

The Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation (CCOF) was founded in 1988 and it serves Optimist clubs across Canada. Funds raised stay in Canada and support scholarships, JOI Youth Clubs, Optimist International Programs and Activities and training for Optimist volunteers.

The district is organizing a golf tournament to be held on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at the River Valley Golf Course in St. Mary's, Ontario. Golfers will pay a registration fee to cover the full cost of golf and their meal. We will raise funds for the foundation through sponsorship and fundraising during the event.

You can help us by being a sponsor or by donating an auction item, golf contest prize, raffle item or by entering a foursome. Sponsorship levels are Red Level \$75, Black Level \$150 and \$300 for Gold Level. Other levels of sponsorship will be gratefully received. All sponsors will be recognized on signage at the event, on the district's website, on our social media platforms and verbally by the Emcee at the event.

You can make your sponsorship pledge by contacting Optimist Gail Dolson at [gail@dolson.ca](mailto:gail@dolson.ca) or (519) 863-3060. Payment may be made by e-transfer to [mwo46treas@gmail.com](mailto:mwo46treas@gmail.com) or you may send your cheque made payable to MWO Golf Tournament to 194 Tannery Street, Baden, ON N3A 2S1. Expense receipts will be issued to businesses and tax receipts will be issued to individuals.

You may also register a foursome by contacting the Registrar, Bill Adams at [biladmz@gmail.com](mailto:biladmz@gmail.com) or (519) 318-0143. The cost is \$400.00 for the group and includes lunch, golf, cart, registration gift and free contests.

Please take a moment to consider these sponsorship opportunities and the recognition you will receive for your support.

Yours in Optimism,

Rick Gillespie, MWO District Governor and Co-Chair MWO Golf Committee  
Mobile 519 615-2815  
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# Midwestern Ontario Optimist District Golf Tournament in support of the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation



**Saturday, May 25, 2024 @ River Valley Golf Course**  
4725 Line 1, St. Mary's, Ontario

[www.rivervalleygolfandtube.com](http://www.rivervalleygolfandtube.com)



**Registration 8:00 am – Shotgun start 9:30 am**

**BBQ Lunch and Presentations to follow**

**Ball Toss and Putting Contests start at 8:00 am**

\$400 per foursome includes golf, cart, registration gift, BBQ lunch, raffle, auction and free draws.  
(Rain or Shine)

**All net proceeds go to Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation**



Register a Foursome with District Secretary Bill Adams  
(519) 318-0143 or email [biladmz@gmail.com](mailto:biladmz@gmail.com)

Golf Registration	
#1 Name _____	Email _____
#2 Name _____	Email _____
#3 Name _____	Email _____
#4 Name _____	Email _____
Captain's Mobile Phone _____	
Extra BBQ Lunch @ \$26.00 _____ (Have a friend or spouse dine with you.)	
Dietary Restrictions _____	

Register a Sponsorship with Past Governor Gail Dolson  
(519) 863-3060 or email [gail@dolson.ca](mailto:gail@dolson.ca)

Sponsor Registration (Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Red Level \$75	Black Level \$150	Gold Level \$300	Other _____
Organization _____		Email _____	
Contact Name _____		Phone _____	
Individuals receive a tax receipt - Clubs and businesses expense receipt			

Please register and pay by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Cash or Cheque payable to MWO District Golf.  
Etransfer to [mwo46treas@gmail.com](mailto:mwo46treas@gmail.com)

Cheques can be directed to the District Treasurer at 194 Tannery Street, Bayden, ON N3A 2S1



Saturday, April 27



# Ride Safe Bike Rodeo 2024

Free

Get tickets

Get ready to pedal into a day of fun at our kid's bike rodeo!



By Waterloo Regional Police Service · 15 followers

2 years on Eventbrite

[Go to www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)

Click on search and type in the next search Bike Rodeo and on the right click on Ride Safe Bike Rodeo Sat April 27 Click on Get Tickets to register and get your helmet free - pick you time.

## Date and time

Saturday, April 27 · 10am - 2pm EDT

## Location

Queensmount Arena (Customer Service)  
 1260 Queen's Boulevard Kitchener, ON N2M 1C7  
[Show map](#)

## About this event

4 hours

R.I.D.E. S.A.F.E. 2024

*Reduce Injury, Develop Expertise, Safety, and Fun Event*

Get ready to pedal into a day of fun at our kid's bike rodeo!

Join us on April 27, 2024, at Queensmount Arena, for a wheelie good time filled with obstacles, bike-related activities, and community displays.

Don't miss out on the chance to learn new skills and enter to win a new bike!

**Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the page to register to receive a free bike helmet.**

You must bring your own bike to participate. This is a free community event. Space is limited



# Your District & International *NEWS & UPDATES*



[www.optimismwo.ca/](http://www.optimismwo.ca/)

Visit MWO website to stay updated new information.

- **3rd Quarter Board Meeting at Camp Heidelberg May 11 - (Oratorial Contest) join in see you there!**





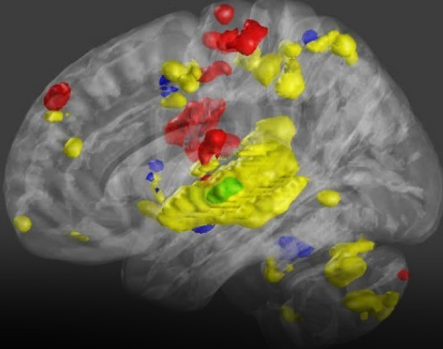
[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)

**106th Optimist International Convention Niagara Falls Ontario June 22 - 26, 2024**

**Visit website for all the info - Lots going on...!**



MYTH	FACT
	
TREES PRODUCE MOST OF THE OXYGEN ON EARTH.	OCEANS PRODUCE MORE OXYGEN THAN ALL THE TREES.
Around 28 percent of the Earth's oxygen is produced by trees. More than 70 percent of oxygen is produced by marine plants.	



**FACT POINT**

Listening to music uses all your brain, one of the very few activities that do such a thing.

**An easy mistake to make**



Man disappointed after ordering 34 year old escort online

On The Funny Side

Get a baby gate they said, it'll keep them safe it said.... 🤔😂



**Practical Advice:**

**If all the toilets in your house are occupied and you are waiting for one to be free, switch off the wi-fi.**

**Bed and Breakfast**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

On Friday, April 13th in 2029, an asteroid more than 1000 feet wide will pass by Earth closer than the moon and will easily be observed with the naked eyes.

**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.



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