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KW Optimist Club Meetings

Dinner Meetings:

2nd Tues of the month

Board Meetings:

4th Tues of the month

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you want us to return your
call"

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(Since 1952)



PRESIDENT - FRANK WATTY SECRETARY - RALPH SPERLING

Helping over 5,400 Kids per year - Heidelberg Optimist Camp

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President's Message



Congratulations and thanks to our hard-working Property Committee who have completed substantial improvements to the building and facilities at our main building, and to the contractors, under the supervision of Optimist Brad Straus, who have installed new and more functional windows on both levels of the building. This will make for a more airy and cooler hall especially during the summer and perhaps result in some cost savings in the winter. Attention will soon turn to improving the Coker building which is much used by campers, but is badly in need of repairs. As plans progress, members should be willing to lend a hand in doing as much of the work as possible in-house. With the arrival of summer, our property will be the venue for a number of popular rentals including local car shows, and newer members are especially urged to drop in and see how the property is used.

The first of these is the VW Bug show on July 12th.

At our June meeting we welcomed a visit by a prospective member to view the property and meet members present. Her excitement, interest and enthusiasm were evident as she introduced herself to the membership and thought out loud on how she might contribute to the club. Thank you also to those spouses who graced the

evening and joined in the fellowship. It is always a delight to have you with us. We were treated to a lovely steak dinner by our in-house chefs.

The Board has decided to cancel the July Dinner Meeting which will give our hard-working kitchen crew a much deserved break. We are fortunate to have a small crew willing to provide this service. In all likelihood, our August meeting will feature the Induction of our newest member, Elizabeth Laredo, whose application has been approved by the Board, and we hope there will be as large a turnout as possible to welcome her.

Approval of a proposed slate of Directors for 2026 - 2027 has been postponed. A few vacancies still exist, with the status of some memberships being in doubt. As has been stated before, the Constitution of the club in this regard may have to be reviewed. The Club has been approached by a local scout troop to provide an opportunity for tree-planting by its members in support of the Woolwich Township program of increasing forest cover. The Board has indicated its interest and plans to explore options along with Optimist Al Woodhouse as part of its September meeting.

Please have a restful, enjoyable and safe Summer everyone with your friends and family, and remember to pack your Optimism with you wherever your roads may lead.

President Frank.

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Next Dinner Meeting Aug 10th 2026

Yes **NO** July dinner meeting.
Mark down the Aug 10th date.
Bring a friend if you want.



VW Bug Out is July 12 - Sunday 9 AM- 4 PM

I need about 5 members through out the day from 9 to 4 PM just to help a bit— See page 3 for more details.

District Quarter board meeting report

Be

Proud

Your

A

Member

Of

The

KW

Optimist

Club

FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

On Saturday, May 2nd, I attended the 3rd Quarter District Board Meeting of our organization in Downie. Spring was in the air and there was obvious excitement among the clubs in getting out and “doing Optimism”.

Serving the kids varies in challenge and performance from Club to Club and certainly between primarily rural-based and urban service areas. In some, our clubs are the premier service organizations with strong community support. In others, clubs seem to be striving together in their service efforts.

But today, more than ever, the need for involvement is clear for all clubs, wherever they may be, to identify where the needs exist and to “live their Optimism”. We can no longer ignore the fact that the composition of our communities is changing. That was brought home clearly in the various backgrounds of the presenters at the District Oratorical.

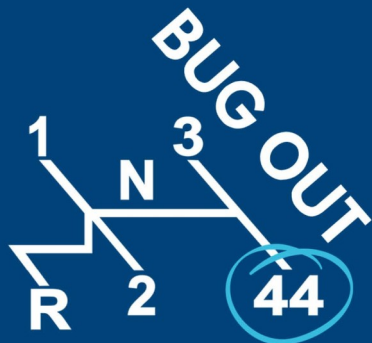
The challenge for our Club, and others, is to deliberately reach beyond our comfort zones and to talk, “Health, Happiness and Prosperity to EVERY person we meet”. Let us spread the word!

May 2026.

NOTES FROM THE #rd QUARTER BOARD.

1. Optimism is alive and well with the District reporting a net growth in number of clubs and in membership.
2. While Optimist programs are still foundational, many clubs are finding it beneficial to enter into arrangements with municipal entities for facility use and program delivery.
3. Financially, the District is solvent though some planned programs have been delayed, and so funding for some programs is still available.

K-W & AREA BUG CLUB PRESENTS



SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

KW OPTIMIST CLUB PARK

2001 KRESSLER ROAD * HEIDELBERG, ON

All VWs Welcome

Air Cooled, Water Cooled & Electric

8:00AM - 4:00PM

Registration Closes at 12pm

Cash Only Accepted at the Gate

No Outside Alcohol * No Onsite ATM * No Onsite Camping

\$20 entry fee per car
Includes driver & 1 passenger\$5 General Admission
Children 12 & under free

Vendors

\$20 single space (10' x 24')
\$40 double space (20' x 24')
Vendor gates open at 7:00am

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OPTIMIST
*Bringing Out the Best
in Kids***DON'T GET SCAMMED!**
SPOT IT. STOP IT. REPORT IT.Fraudsters pretend to be trusted leaders to trick you into sending money
or giving away gift cards, passwords or personal information.**BE ALERT. BE SKEPTICAL. VERIFY BEFORE YOU ACT.****EXAMPLE: WATCH HOW THE SCAM UNFOLDS****1 Initial Contact**The scammer poses as a district leader
or fellow member and starts with a
friendly, urgent message.*"Hello! How are you doing today? Are you
less busy at the moment? I have a request
for you to manage discreetly."***2 Creates a Sense of Urgency & Secrecy**They say they are in a meeting or busy
and ask you to keep it confidential.*"Please no calls. Kindly respond back via email."***3 Hooks You with a "Good Cause"**They claim they are surprising members
with gift cards and will reimburse you.*"I aimed at surprising some of our diligent
members with gift cards. I will reimburse you."***4 The Ask**They request you buy gift cards, send
photos of the back (revealing the code)
and receipts.*"I need 10 qty of Apple gift cards worth \$100
each (total \$1000)... scratch the back... take a
clear picture of the back of each card and
receipt then send them to me."***REAL LEADERS WILL NEVER**ask you to buy gift cards, send money,
share codes, or keep secrets.**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- ✓ **PAUSE.** Don't respond right away.
- ✓ **THINK.** Real leaders don't ask for gift cards or secrecy.
- ✓ **VERIFY.** Contact the person directly using a phone
number you already have (not the number in the email).
- ✓ **DON'T CLICK.** Avoid links or attachments you weren't
expecting.
- ✓ **REPORT.** Help protect others by reporting the scam.

RED FLAGS - WARNING SIGNS**UNEXPECTED MESSAGE**

You weren't expecting the email or the request.

**SENSE OF URGENCY**

They pressure you to act quickly.

**KEEP IT SECRET**

They ask you not to call or to keep it confidential.

**FINANCIAL REQUEST**They ask for gift cards, e-transfers,
payment or banking information.**GOOD CAUSE STORY**They use a "good cause" or "surprise"
to make it seem legitimate.**WEIRD INSTRUCTIONS**They ask you to scratch cards,
take photos of codes or receipts.**SOMETHING FEELS OFF**Spelling/grammar mistakes, unusual email address,
or the tone just doesn't feel right.**Remember:**No Optimist leader will ever ask you
for gift cards, passwords, personal codes,
or urgent payments by email or text.**VERIFY BEFORE YOU ACT**

- Call the person directly.
- Check the official district or club website.
- Talk to another officer or member.

If in doubt, check it out!A quick call can save you and our organization
from financial loss and stress.

My friend Jack says he can
communicate with vegetables.
That's right...Jack and the beans
talk.

I want to tell you about a girl
who only eats plants. You
probably have not heard of
herbivore.

I was struggling to understand
how lightning works and then it
struck me.

Six cows were smoking joints
and playing poker. You guessed
it... the steaks were pretty high.

I went to the paint store to get
thinner. It didn't work.

I once dated a girl who broke up
with me because I only have 9
toes. Yes, she was lack toes in-
tolerant.

The Best plumber
advertisement ever 😂



KW
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Still**Welcomes****New****Members**



108th Optimist International Convention, Jacksonville, FL
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, June 28-July 1, 2026

108th Annual Convention Jun 28, 2026 - Jul 2, 2026 | US/Central
Location: Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, Florida
Check online with OI for more details and book now.

Property Update

The property committee has been working hard.
The windows are in and plans are being developed for the upgrade to the Coker building.

We will be looking at developing a committee to setup our future plans for the club as we go forward for improvement to the camp and our community Donations.

Real Optimist working - Thank you



I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes.
It's all about raisin awareness.

I've also started investing in stocks: beef, vegetable, chicken.
One day I hope to be a bouillonnaire.

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. Now that's humerus.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinz-sight.

September

Send

Off

Sept

20th

More

to

follow

On The Funny Side

Did you know muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven?

I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to a local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!" He replied, "That's not a lizard. He's a stand-up chameleon.

Singing in the shower is fine until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

The Black-Eyed Peas can sing us a song but the chick peas can only hummus one.

Then there was the time Fruit of the Loom took Hanes to court... it was a brief case.

How much does a chimney cost? Nothing, it's on the house.

My friend said she wouldn't eat cow's tongue because it came out of a cow's mouth. I asked her if she ever ate eggs.

Once upon a time there was a King who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible King but he made a great ruler.

I ran out of toilet paper, so now I'm using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, and tomorrow, well that remains to be seen.

July 02 - Summer camp starts -
check in if your at the club.

**DATES
TO
REMEMBER**

Jun 28 - Jul 01 OI Convention
Jacksonville, Florida

July 12- VW Bug Out

Sept 20 - Summer send OFF

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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BINGO Dates 2026

Thurs. Jun-25-2026 Evening

Thurs. Jul-23-2026 Evening

Thurs. Aug-20-2026 Evening

Thurs. Sep-17-2026 Evening

Thurs. Oct-15-2026 Evening

Thurs. Nov-12-2026 Evening

Thurs. Dec-10-2026 Evening