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Opti-KW-ips

Pres: Robert Parent - Sect: Ian Fraser

*Helping over 5,000 Kids per year with our
Heidelberg Optimist Camp.*



President's Message

It's been a long two years of Covid restrictions but with spring's arrival, snow melting and restrictions lessening each month, the future looks bright for the KW Optimist Club. A new board of directors will be elected for the fall and a new Executive.

Some highlights...Preliminary planning for a return to Moparfest is in the works and perhaps a return to our popular car shows? After a three year absence, our grounds are once again being used by WRDSB in partnership with the White Owl Native Ancestry Group to procure Maple Syrup. KW Optimist also sponsored secondary student Kira Dattani in the annual Mid Western Essay Writing contest. Thank you Optimist Rick for assisting and presenting Kira with her Optimist Essay Certificate. And once again everyone's favorite fundraiser Bingo is back!

Members continue to bring forth ideas on how best to upgrade necessary improvements in infrastructure and beautification of our Heidelberg location. We are blessed to have such wonderful tract of rural property and the opportunity to provide space for car shows spelling bees, wedding ceremonies. A big thank you to Optimist Ian for keeping a timeline of schedules and reservations.

In summary, KW Optimist like many Optimist Clubs elsewhere, have faced many obstacles in over the last two years, yet members have done their best to maintain the property, attend board meetings, and communicate with one another offering suggestions and sharing input. Indeed, as this bulletin goes to press, and as we move forward to summer and 2022 there is a growing sense of Optimism and hope that now the worst is behind all of us :).

" Lastly, we 'hope' the Ukraine comes to an end soon and with it peace and healing.

Yours in Optimism, President Rob

No Masks
Needed NOW



**We are NOW
Open for
Business**

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SPECIAL INTEREST

Passing of an Optimists
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Moparfest is On *August 20 & 22, 2022* New Hamburg

We will **NOT** be doing Food Services or cooking this year - go figure.

What will we be doing is helping others when they need it.

www.moparfest.com



Members Update info changes to our roster

Steve Andrews new phone is **548-288-6912**

New Address now is **667 Victoria St S Unit 02, Kitchener, ON N2M 3B2**



Dates to

Remember 2022

Mar 28 - Work Party

Apr 07 - Bingo

**Apr 12 - Dinner Meeting
Election of Officers**

Apr 26 - Board Meeting

May 05 - Bingo

May 10 - Dinner Meeting

**May 15 - District 3rd Quarter
board Meeting**

May 24 - Board Meeting

Jun 02 - Bingo

Jun 30 - Bingo



• BINGO DATES • BINGO DATES •

Doors open to us at 5:15 pm – the public ½ hour later

Thurs. Apr-07-2022 EVENING

Thurs. May-05-2022 EVENING

Thurs. Jun-02-2022 EVENING

Thurs. Jun-30-2022 EVENING



***The Nominating committee met at the Club
March 15, 2022 and here are the results ...
Exec & Board for 2022-2023***

President (Elect) – Oz Gunal;
1st VP – Rick La Rush;
2nd VP – Ralph Sperling;
Treasurer – Joe MacEachen;
Secretary – Ian Fraser;

One Year Directors

Rick La Rush;
John Moyer;
George Harper;
Brad Straus;

Two Year Directors

Kendra La Rush;
Gord Beckenhauer;
Bill Kern;
Fred Walz;

Election of Officers will likely be at our April 10th dinner Meeting.
If anyone wishes to run for a position must email our Secretary no later then April 3rd 2022 to have your name put forward.

Passing Member



Harvey Fry Born 1929

Harvey passed peacefully Wednesday February 23, 2022 (age 92)

Harvey will be missed by all.
We thank you Harvey
for your service.
Harvey joined the our
club in 2010

KW Optimist Club



CYCLING IS BAD FOR THE ECONOMY

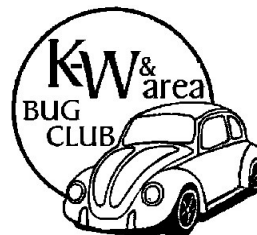


Hilarious but true too

A cyclist is a disaster for the country's economy -
He does not buy the car & does not take a car loan -
Does not buy car insurance - Does not buy Fuel -
Does not send his car for servicing & repairs -
Does not use paid Parking - Does not become Obese

Yes.....and well, damn it !! Healthy people are not needed for economy. They do not buy drugs. They do not go to Hospitals & Doctors. They add nothing to country's GDP. On the contrary, every new fast food outlet creates at least 30 jobs - 10 Cardiologists, 10 Dentists, 10 weight loss experts apart from people working in the outlet. Choose wisely: A Cyclist or a KFC ? Worth thinking about!!

PS: Walking is even worse. They do not even buy a bicycle!!



**KW & area Bug Club
Presents
Bug out is On**

Bug Out same place as the past shows
KW Optimist Camp Heidelberg, ON

Sunday July 19th, 2022 - more info Visit

www.kwbugclub.org

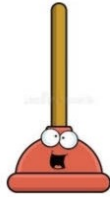
Or contact

Mark Brown
Social Media Officer
K-W & Area Bug Club
webmaster@kwbugclub.org





Plunger plop...



Fifth Annual (?)

Westvale-Waterloo Optimist Club

Plunger Plop



WHEN: Saturday May 7, 2022 from 10am to 4pm (approx.)

WHERE: Knights of Columbus. 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo, ON

WHAT: Two teams of 4 play against each other. Each player on each team tosses 2 plungers, underhand to the far end toilet (approx. 35 feet away) with the intent of landing it in or near the toilet. Players either toss their plunger so the plunger part lands inside a hula-hoop situated in front of the toilet for 1 point, plop the plunger into the toilet bowl plunger side down for 3 points, plop the plunger into the toilet bowl stick down for 5 points, or plop the plunger in the tank (any which way) for 10 points.

As in curling and shuffleboard, opposing plungers cancel each other out. The score must be kept by the participants, and reported to the Bathroom Attendant (official scorekeeper) at the end of each game.

-Optimist-approved plungers will be provided. No modified plungers or personal plungers (or toilets, for that matter) are permitted.

HOW: Games will be 4 ends (no longer than 20 minutes each), with a 5 minute break between. Games will leap-frog between a "Brown pool" and "Yellow pool", so each team gets 20 minutes off to either enjoy some yummy BBQ, have a drink (cash bar), play board or card games, use toilets for purposes other than plunger plopping and/or cheering each other on.

- Teams are ranked within their pools (by number of wins and if there is a tie, then point differential will determine the winner) and the top 4 teams from each pool move on to the playoffs, where only 1 team will stand (or sit) victorious and claim the Golden Plunger. The winning team's name will also be engraved on the trophy, so be creative (and 'clean'), as this is a family friendly event.

- No athletic ability, skill or practice whatsoever is required to participate in the Westvale Optimist Club Plunger Plop.

COST: \$60 /team of 4 or \$15 per person and we will find you a team. (includes 1 burger or hot dog, 1 bag of chips & 1 can of pop per player)

Spectators, team-groupies and cheering sections highly recommended & encouraged.

Extra burgers, hot dogs, chips & pop will be available for purchase, as well the bar inside will be open for aiming fluid.

Dress according to the weather as this is a rain or shine event.



Westvale-Waterloo Optimist Club Indoor Golf FUNdraiser

Where: Golf Without Limits
283 Northfield Dr. East Waterloo

When: **Saturday April 9, 2022**

Tee Times: 9:00am, 12:30pm, 4:00pm & 7:30pm

Cost: \$55 per person / \$220 per team
Includes pizza, wings & chance at door prize (1 in 20)
Refreshments available for purchase.

Earlybird: \$50 per person / \$200 per team
if booked & paid for before March 16, 2022

Format: 3.5 hours of golf and/or games in the simulator

Your participation will help support numerous youth programs and events run by the Westvale-Waterloo Optimist Club.

Contact: Sue-Anne Walsh (519) 502-7688
sueanne_walsh@yahoo.com

Learn Faster.
Play Better.
Have Fun!



golfwithoutlimits.com



YOUR ZONE - DISTRICT - INTERNATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

Midwestern Ontario District

Visit their website to stay updated ... they have a new e-letter for you and new information.

Midwestern has a Events section visit it to stay up to date with District and other club events.

<http://optimistmwo.ca/>



Optimist International

President Elect.

for 2023 – 2024 is our

Bob McFadyen

www.optimist.org

Visit O.I.s' website to see the new layout and tons of information to see.



2021 - 2022 Officers

O.I. PRESIDENT

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Exec. & Board

PRESIDENT **Robert Parent**

PAST PRES. **Rick La Rush**

1st VICE PRES **Oz Gunal**

2nd VICE PRES **Vacant**

TREASURER **Joe MacEachen**

SECRETARY **Ian Fraser**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ONE YEARS

Bruce Curry, Jim Musselman

Brad Straus, Frank Watty

TWO YEAR

Rick La Rush, Harvey Fry

John Moyer, Vacant

Bulletin Editor

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KW Optimist Club Meetings

Dinner:

2nd Tues of the month

Will announce when we start again

Board Meetings:

4th Tues of the month

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Don Meredith, Dallas Cowboys Quarterback once said: "Coach Tom Landry is such a perfectionist that if he was married to Raquel Welch, he would expect her to cook."

Harry Neale, professional hockey coach: "Last year we couldn't win at home and we were losing on the road. My failure as a coach was that I couldn't think of anyplace else to play."

Reggie Jackson commenting on Tom Seaver: "Blind people come to the ballpark just to listen to him pitch."

Doug Sanders, professional golfer: "I'm working as hard as I can to get my life and my cash to run out at the same time. If I can just die after lunch Tuesday, everything will be perfect."

Mickey Lolich, Detroit Tigers pitcher: "All the fat guys watch me and say to their wives, 'See, there's a fat guy doing okay. Bring me another beer.'"

Max McGee, Green Bay Packers receiver: "When it's third and ten, you can have the milk drinkers; I'll take the whiskey drinkers every time."

Tommy LaSorda, L A Dodgers manager: "I found out that it's not good to talk about my troubles. Eighty percent of the people who hear them don't care and the other twenty percent are glad I'm having them."

Vic Braden, tennis instructor: "My theory is that if you buy an ice-cream cone and make it hit your mouth, you can learn to play tennis. If you stick it on your forehead, your chances aren't as good."

Tommy John, N.Y. Yankees, recalling his 1974 arm surgery: "When they operated, I told them to add in a Koufax fastball. They did, but unfortunately it was Mrs. Koufax's."

Walt Garrison, Dallas Cowboys fullback when asked if Tom Landry ever smiles: "I don't know. I only played there for nine years

Bum Phillips, New Orleans Saints, after viewing a lopsided loss to the Atlanta Falcons: "The film looks suspiciously like the game itself."

Bill Veeck, Chicago White Sox owner: "I have discovered in 20 years of moving around the ball park that the knowledge of the game is usually in inverse proportion to the price of the seats."

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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