



# KW Optimist Club-Opti-KW-ips

Helping over 6,600 Kids per year with our Heidelberg Optimist Camp.

## President's Message



Well the weather is finally getting warmer. Slowly spring is in the air. With that said, there are some outdoor projects that need our attention. The grass needs to be cut on a weekly bases and trimming needs to be done as well.

It would be nice to have more help from Club members at these work parties. It seems the same people come out and do all the work that needs to be done. Our property always needs something done. Hopefully you joined the Club to not only show up for dinner meetings but also to help out when asked.

I have heard from several members that our Club does not get our members involved because we do not do anything. There are so many opportunities that members could undertake. It just takes someone to start an activity. Yes we do one fundraiser. Bingos. How many can say they help out with this?

The same 3 people come out to this function. Okay, if it's not your thing, start another activity.

The District does several events we could get involved with. Oratorical Contest, Spelling Bee, Respect for Law, Youth Appreciation which would have a positive impact on the youth of our community and visibility of our Club as well as a community leader.

There are unlimited opportunities. You just have to be creative. We could start weekend outings at our Club like Family BBQs or even camping during the summer because the property is not being used at that time.

As your president, I try to encourage members to not only get involved but also come up with new suggestions to keep us busy; to encourage prospective members to get involve; have a positive impact with the youth in our community; and have fun. Like Nike says "Just Do It".

We have a beautiful property and hopefully we will continue to be there for the youth of today and the youth of tomorrow.

Thanks for listening & let's hear from you on what you would like to do to make our Club great.

Cheers.

**President Ralph**

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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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"Please leave a message if you want us to return your call"

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

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

**Next Dinner Meeting May 13th**

Special Guest - Our own Al Woodhouse who will walk the grounds and updating us about our property.

**If rainy still on bring a hat and a friend.**

Social 6:30 Dinner 7:00PM



**Our June 10th dinner meeting is Special.**

Our special guest will be our International Past President Bob McFadyen who will up date us about a special program.

**VW Bug Show**  
**Sunday July 13th**



They are changing thing a bit - they are considering to use food trucks. **Will keep members Up To Date.** Need about 4 members for July 13th help. *Thanks*

**Bug Out #43 – 2025**

**PLACE:** K-W Optimist Club – Camp Heidelberg  
 2001 Kressler Road, Heidelberg, Ontario, Canada

**Please Note: There are no advance ticket sales online for vending or general admission.** Please do not be persuaded to purchase tickets online, as these tickets are fraudulent. Fees for Admission and Vending are CASH only on the day of the event. Our volunteers at the event will be clearly identifiable. [www.kwbugclub.org](http://www.kwbugclub.org)

**2025-2026 Nomination Committee Report**

**President:** Frank Watty

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**Past president** Ralph Sperling

**Secretary:** Ralph Sperling

**1st Vice president:** Justin Wind

**2nd Vice president:** Oz Gunal

**One year directors**

Brad Straus

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**Two year directors**

John Zondo

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### ***More problems with China trade***

US Senator Roberts called his wife before leaving office, telling her that he was bringing two colleagues home after work.

He asked her to put away all the "Made in China" stuff at home to avoid being accused of not cooperating with Trump.

When he arrived with his guests, he saw that the door was gone, the windows were gone, and all the appliances, furniture and decorations in the house were also all gone.

His guests were shocked -- but they were thrilled when his wife came out to greet them, completely naked.



# Midwestern Ontario Optimist District Golf Tournament in support of the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation



Saturday, May 24, 2025 @ River Valley Golf Course  
4725 Line 1, St. Mary's, Ontario

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



Registration 8:00 am – Shotgun start 9:00 am  
BBQ Lunch and Presentations to follow

\$440 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 online at [optimismwo.ca](http://optimismwo.ca) or with District Secretary Bill Adams  
(519) 318-0143 or email [biladmz@gmail.com](mailto:biladmz@gmail.com)

Indicate below if you have a rain check for golf from the 2024 tournament

Golf Registration		
#1 Name	Email	Rain Check?
#2 Name	Email	Rain Check?
#3 Name	Email	Rain Check?
#4 Name	Email	Rain Check?
Captain's Mobile Phone _____		
Extra BBQ Lunch @ \$35.00 _____ (Have a friend or spouse dine with you.)		
Dietary Restrictions _____		

Register a Sponsorship online at [optimismwo.ca](http://optimismwo.ca) or with Past Governor Catherine Herdman  
(519) 642-1879 or email [optimistcatherine@gmail.com](mailto:optimistcatherine@gmail.com)

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			

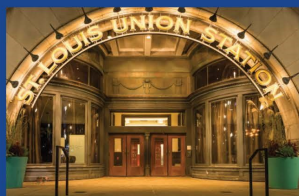
Please register and pay by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Cash or Cheque payable to MWO District Golf.  
Etransfer to [mwo46treas@gmail.com](mailto:mwo46treas@gmail.com)

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



# June 29-July 3 2025

107<sup>th</sup> Optimist International Convention



**St. Louis Union Station Hotel,**  
Curio Collection by Hilton,  
1820 Market Street,  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

**START PLANNING  
YOUR TRIP NOW!**  
**CLICK HERE FOR  
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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, JUNE 29

- Vice President-Elect and Governor-Elect Training
- Vice President and Governor Training
- Registration
- House of Optimism (Expo)
- First Timers Program
- Taste of St. Louis Reception
- Opening Ceremony

### MONDAY, JUNE 30

*Bringing Out the Best in Youth*

- House of Optimism (EXPO)
- General Session
- Heritage of Optimism Brunch
- Organization and Life Skills Training
- Trivia Night

### TUESDAY, JULY 1

*Bringing Out the Best in Community*

- House of Optimism (EXPO)
- General Session
- Organization and Life Skills Training

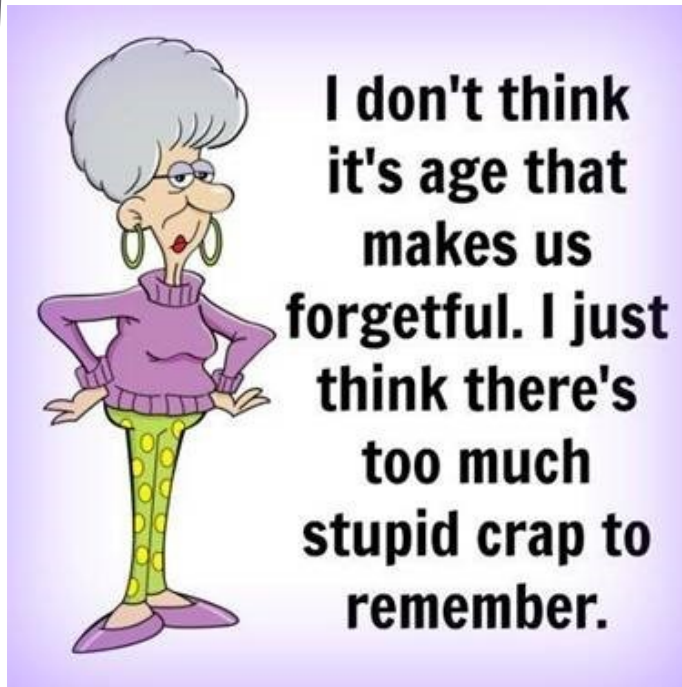
### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

*Bringing Out the Best in Ourselves*

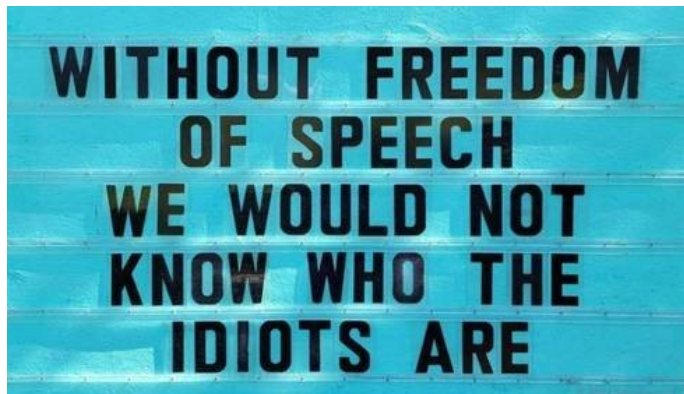
- House of Optimism (EXPO)
- General Session
- Annual Business Meeting & Closing
- Presidents Gala & Dance

### THURSDAY, JULY 3

- Club President-Elect & Lt. Governor-Elect Breakfast
- Local Attraction Tour



## On The Funny Side



## 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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