



KW Optimist Club-Opti-KW-ips

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

President's Message

Well, I was hoping that warm weather was going to stay, but mother nature sure cannot make up her mind. One day it's nice and sunny and the next its cold as anything.

And it's almost June.

We had a dinner meeting on May 13th with Past International President Bob McFadyen as guest speaker. I was not in attendance as we had visitors from England that week.

A week later we had a work party to repair the picnic tables that needed attention. I was really impressed with the turnout of members.

There were 8 members present and the work was finished in no time. That is what I am talking about, getting members involved.

Coming up in the near future the pipes connecting to the sewage system will need to be replaced. I hope I got that right. This involves digging down outside to replace some pipes. This might also require the removal of a section of the deck in the back. If that is the case we might consider replacing the entire deck, as it is showing its age.

For our next dinner meeting in June we will have our financial adviser come out and give an update on our investments. I'm sure there will be many questions on what we can and maybe shouldn't do with our finances.

So for now hope for warm weather and if you are so inclined come out and learn how to drive a tractor.



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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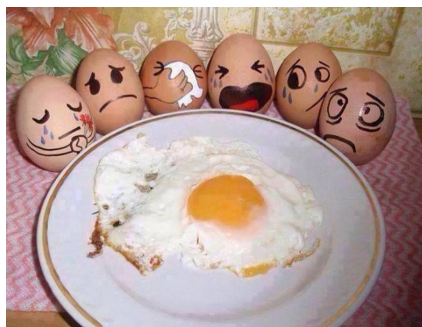
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Next Dinner Meeting June 10th

Social
6:30
Dinner
7:00PM



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

2025-2026 Nomination Committee Report

President: Frank Watty

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June 29-July 3 2025

107th Optimist International Convention



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

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<p>SUNDAY, JUNE 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>MONDAY, JUNE 30 <i>Bringing Out the Best in Youth</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House of Optimism (EXPO) • General Session • Heritage of Optimism Brunch • Organization and Life Skills Training • Trivia Night 	<p>TUESDAY, JULY 1 <i>Bringing Out the Best in Community</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House of Optimism (EXPO) • General Session • Organization and Life Skills Training <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 <i>Bringing Out the Best in Ourselves</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House of Optimism (EXPO) • General Session • Annual Business Meeting & Closing • Presidents Gala & Dance <p>THURSDAY, JULY 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club President-Elect & Lt. Governor-Elect Breakfast • Local Attraction Tour
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Shirley Anne KUNTZ
Obituary



Shirley Anne KUNTZ Passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at WRHN - Queens Blvd. (formerly St. Mary's Hospital) at the age of 88.

Beloved and devoted wife of James (Jim) for over 67 years. Loving mother of Bev Kuhn (Larry), Randy (Leisa), Garry (Margaret), Rob, Shelley Ratte (Bernie), and Dan (Karen).

Adoring grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of four.

Shirley worshipped her big family, and one of her favourite things was to have large family dinners together.

Visitation will be held at the Erb & Good Family Funeral Home, 171 King St. S., on Tuesday, June 3rd, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, 173 Lourdes Street, Waterloo, on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 12p.m.

Interment to follow at Memory Gardens. The reception will be held after the interment at Erb & Good Family Funeral Home.

Condolences for the family and donations to Stroke Foundation or WRHN Foundation may be arranged through the Erb & Good Family Funeral Home, 171 King Street S., Waterloo, at www.erbgood.com.



Midwestern Ontario District All Member Edition May 2025

Welcome to Maily's Memos #10

It is being sent to all Midwestern Ontario District Optimist members

1. **The minutes from the 3rd Quarter Board** are attached. I want to thank my team for filling in for me while I was representing my family in the 80th year of celebrating of the Liberating the Netherlands. Special Thanks to Past Governor Rick for all his help. Everyone has said it was a success. **Save the date for MWO District convention Aug. 23-24.** Watch for links to the Hampton Inn special pricing and the registration form. There will also be activities on Aug 22 for people who want to extend their stay. Stay tuned for details.
2. **The new club of Goderich** chartered on May 27th. Hanover is almost ready to charter.
3. **Jr Golf Tournament** is on **Aug. 5** at St. Mary's Golf Course. Look for local qualifying tournaments. More information at cojg.com
4. **Policies Zoom** for the executive meeting is on June 8th at 7 pm.
5. **Trophies:** They have been replaced with certificates for the past 2 years. These have been well received by members. The Trophies have been collected and kept in safe keeping at a Past Governor's home. We are attempting to reach original donors, families or clubs to see if they want them back. We will update you at the MWO Convention. The history of the winners of the Trophies will be archived in our MWO website.
6. **Young Adult Optimist Clubs** are a pilot project for young adults 18-25. These are virtual clubs, sponsored by a regular Optimist clubs. (Cost is \$325 at time of organization) Annual membership fee is \$30. A minimum of 15 people are required. If any cub is interested, please contact me or our New Club Building Team for more info.
7. **ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST.** We are sad to inform you that as of May 3, one more of our crocheted turtle family has gone MIA. Unfortunately his siblings who went missing on Feb 8, at Thorndale Community Centre have yet to be located. Even with an APB (all-points bulletin) we have not had any responses. If anyone knows of their whereabouts please contact Governor Maily. **Reward for any information that will aid in the reunion of the missing siblings.**
8. **International Convention:** June 29 – July 3 St Louis Union Station Hotel. It's not too late to register. When you go to an international convention there is District training, workshops, general sessions, trivia night, town hall and much more. Catching up with old friends and making new friends are more reasons to go.

Maily Keir, Governor Midwestern Ontario District 2024-2025
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Inspire Children to discover Respect, Love and Courage

Optimist Tim Gray



Welcome Tim Gray to the CCOF Board

After an analysis of our members and representation across Canada, the CCOF Board voted to add an additional Board Member from the Ontario Districts. This means every region will now have 2 members.

We are excited to announce that Tim Gray has accepted the challenge. Please join us in welcoming Tim to the Board.

Tim's adventure with Optimism began approximately 40 years ago as a member of the Baden Optimist Club.

He has been involved with several clubs and has held the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer on numerous occasions. Tim held the position of District Treasurer for Midwestern Ontario for 7 terms. He has also been a District Membership Chair and has chaired or assisted on numerous District Committees, most recently being on the Policy review committee for the past two years.

Tim's background and education include a banking career with CIBC and long employment at The Beer Store Head Office where he held positions in Finance and Business Development as a senior business analyst. He held cost management, budget and forecasting positions in both Real Estate and Retail Divisions. Tim attended Wilfred Laurier University for Accounting and Finance and Computer Applications at Conestoga College, Kitchener.

Tim has been happily married for 48 years and have 3 children - a daughter and two sons. He also has seven grandchildren - 5 grandsons and 2 granddaughters with an eighth on the way.

I remember Tim when he had some more hair. (George H)

K-W & AREA BUG CLUB PRESENTS

BUG OUT 43

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

\$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

KW OPTIMIST CLUB PARK
2001 KRESSLER ROAD * HEIDELBERG, ON

ALL VWS WELCOME
AIR COOLED, WATER COOLED & ELECTRIC

8:00AM - 4:00PM
REGISTRATION CLOSING AT 12PM

CASH ONLY
ACCEPTED AT THE GATE
NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL * NO ONSITE ATM
NO ONSITE CAMPING

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On The Funny Side



"Remember I said I wanted you to stop golfing so you could spend more time at home? Well if you don't mind, I'd like you to go back to golfing."

I'm not saying I'm getting old, I'm just saying that dinner time and bed time are getting extremely close together. 😊

FUN FACT: a majority of archeologists are women due to their natural ability to dig up the past



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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