

OPTIMIST CLUB OF KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ONTARIO



HO HO HO Guess Who?



Opti-KW-ips



Help-
ing over 6,100 Kids per

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From the President...



Just last month we were celebrating ghosts and goblins and now it's time to acknowledge Ol' Nick and his elf's are on their way from the North Pole. November was a relatively quite month. We had a mini-fund raiser at Golf Without Limits on the 9th and we raised close to \$400.00 for the club. Thanks to Jim Mus-

selman for being the point man (or person) on this and to those members who participated. My group got 2nd prize!. Of course we celebrated our youth on Tuesday, the 12th with Opti Jim Bering presiding over our Youth Appreciation Night where we honoured 5 young ladies and a young man for their service to the community. Close to 50 people were in attendance which was catered by the Village Caterer. Our next dinner meeting is on 12 December – our Christmas celebration where PP Bruce and Karen Curry will run their "Dirty"

or "Secret" Santa. In essence for those who wish to participate, bring a \$10.00 gift for the gift exchange which will be held after the break. I believe PP Ralph (or Venilia) will be providing a cheese and cracker pre-dinner chow down. Before we can celebrate, we must put up the trees and decorate them and the Hall. Please be there for the work party on the 5th of December. Well that's it. Keep warm and safe during this festive season.

Prez Rick.



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Dates to Remember



- Dec 03 - Work Party setup Xmas Party
 - Dec 10 - Members Christmas Dinner, **Special Dinner and some fun.**
 - Dec 16 - Work Party
 - Dec 24 - Board Meeting **CANCELLED**
 - Jan 01 - News Years Day
 - Jan 03 - Maybe a Work Party
 - Jan 10 - Dinner Meeting
 - Jan 17 - Work Party
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- Source Books - Got yours yet?**

KW Optimist Christmas Dinner



KW Optimist Christmas Dinner December 10, 2019
Time 6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner

*Dinner will be catered by Village Caterer's Cost \$15.00
A "Dirty Santa" gift exchange with a value of \$20 per family if you wish to participate*



Toy Mountain - Monday Dec 9 - Monday Dec 16 - Dec 19 (16 & 19 we have people helping out).
Dec 19th if you can help touch base with Pres. Rick

Your Zone - District - International NEWS & UPDATES

SAY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO
SOMEONE
YOU
DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
ITS FUN
TRY IT!

“iMagine the Vision of Optimism”



*December Month - Essay Contest Month
“Is Optimism the Key to Achieving the Dream you Image?”*

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Midwestern Ontario District <http://optimismwo.ca/>
Optimist International www.optimismwo.ca

O.I. - Visit their site to see - There is a lot of things going on from 30 and Under 30 (those are people who are young remember) - Disaster Relief and more. See who your leaders are and many other things.



BINGO DATES • BINGO DATES • BINGO DATES • BINGO



Captain Joe

Captain Rick

Captain Kyle

**Dec 22
Feb 02
Mar 15
Apr 26
Jun 07**

**Jan 05
Feb 16
Mar 29
May 10
Jun 21**

**Jan 19
Mar 01
Apr 12
May 24**



KW Optimist Club Youth Appreciation



How do we thank thee? Let us count the ways! Optimist Clubs recognize local youth for their efforts in the arts, athletics, academics and community service work. Youth Appreciation is the perfect opportunity for Optimists to make a difference in their community and demonstrate the Optimists' commitment to young people.



Back Left to right

**Jim Bering, Chair Youth Appreciation (Old), Sydney Barker (14 yrs.),
Sandra Djukic (15yrs.) Abby Baker (14 yrs.), Taja Kalap (15 yrs.)
Pres. Rick LaRush (Very Old)**

Front - Adam Blanchard (14 yrs.) Mary McKay (13 yrs)

Club Event Updates:

1) There is **not** going to be a Mercedes Show this year....
They are doing something different. I hope they return.



2) We will **not** be having the school board doing their
Maple Syrup at the Club's shed this year.
However our Elmira Maple Syrup event is still on.



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**KW Optimist Club
Meetings are
Dinner:
2nd Tues of the month.
Board Meetings:
4th Tues of the month**



HISTORY LESSON FOR TODAY

1... WHY: Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?
 BECAUSE: In earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

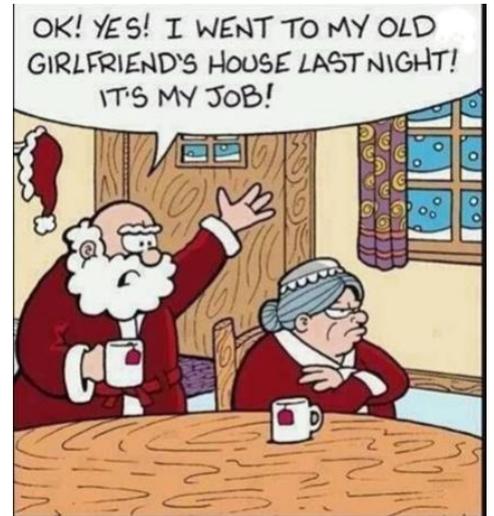
2... WHY: are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?
 BECAUSE: Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the Centre of attention .

3... WHY: is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?
 BECAUSE: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

4... WHY: In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?
 BECAUSE: When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into caddie.

5... WHY: Why are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs?
 BECAUSE: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

And now you know the origins of some of our strange customs.....Don't ya feel smarter now!



The Optimist Creed



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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.

