



# OPTIMIST CLUB OF KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ONTARIO

## Opti-KW-ips



Helping over 6,100 Kids per year with our Optimist Camps

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### From the President...

Sorry folks, I lied in my last message for January. I said that we were having a fairly good winter until this past Wednesday and Thursday and today and maybe even tomorrow. Winter sucks. Any how February being what it is, it was pretty quite in Optimist terms. At our dinner meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Lynda Abshoff, Executive Director for the Brain Injury Association, Waterloo-Wellington gave us a short message about her organization. Too bad more members were not in attendance but still well received. She was devastated that PP George was not in

attendance as they had worked together at the Clay and Glass Gallery in Waterloo. We donated \$300 to her cause, as well as a bottle of red wine. I got the impression she liked the latter gift the best!! There was a work party as well as a Nominating Committee meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Opti's Ralph, Oz, Rob and myself made the usual calls to the usual suspects and came up with an Executive for the year 2020 – 2021. PP George and our Bulletin Editor will post the results in this bulletin. Since there is no dinner meeting in March, we will have an Election of Officer's dinner meeting in

April. Finally a big thank you goes out to our work party attendees, PP's Joe, John and Ian for installing all new toilets in the men's and women's washrooms downstairs. Now if only we can get rid of that smelly smell downstairs that bothers Opti Al when he's teaching his students downstairs.....that's it from me. Keep those snow blowers and shovels handy for the next week or so. Me, I don't care. Carol and I are off to Punta Cana, DR for a week. Stay warm!!

*Pres. Rick.*



### Dates to Remember 2020

- Mar 03 - Work Party
- **Mar 10 - No Dinner Meeting**
- Mar 17 - Work Party
- Mar 24 - Board Meeting
- Mar 31 - Work Party
- **Apr 04 - Elmira Maple Syrup Festival**
- Apr 07 - Work Party
- Apr 14 - Dinner Meeting Guest speaker from Strong Start Charitable Organization.



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When you tap a tree you can make maple syrup.

When you tap an Optimist you get a Friend and someone who helps youth.



KW Optimist Event Elmira April 04th

Needs your help Friday ... pick up truck, grills, food and other stuff at the club to go out Sat morning. We need help at the Club to load Friday afternoon. Touch base with Optimist Ralph or Rick and let them know if you can help Friday and or Work Sat. morning for afternoon shift.



Your Zone - District - International NEWS & UPDATES

HOW MANY FRIENDS HAVE YOU TALKED ABOUT OPTIMISM TO HIS MONTH. .... MORE THAN LAST MONTH?

"iMagine the Vision of Optimism"



Visit the websites to stay updated ...

May 11 - Third Quarter Board (Oratorical Contest) Downie Optimist Hall—St. Pauls, ON

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

Mar 15
Apr 26
Jun 07

Mar 29
May 10
Jun 21

Mar 01
Apr 12
May 24

*From the Nominating Committee - Officers for 2020-2021*

President-elect – Rob Parent;  
Past President – Rick La Rush;  
1st V-P – vacant;  
2nd V-P – Oz Gunal ;  
Treasurer – Joe MacEachen;  
Secretary – Ian Fraser;

Two Year Directors – Bruce Curry, Jim Musselman, Brad Straus, Frank Watty;  
One year Directors – George Harper, Ralph Sperling, Alexandra Joseph, Bill Kern

Someone wishing to run for a position please submit your request to the Club Secretary  
By March 21, 2020 midnight. You will need a mover and seconder at the meeting.

**2018 - 2019 Officers**

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**KW Optimist Club**  
Meetings are  
**Dinner:**

**2nd Tues of the month.**  
**Board Meetings:**  
**4th Tues of the month**

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***April Dinner Meeting April 14th***  
Our guest speaker will be from Strong Start Charitable Organization -  
Strong Start® Charitable Organization is a registered Canadian charity that helps children learn to read. Our programs involve working with children directly in addition to providing resources for families to support the development of strong literacy skills. We work through partnerships with schools, community centres, educators, and volunteers to create lifelong readers. Together, we are helping young children reach their potential and strengthening communities.



**Murder Mystery Dinner**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2020**

**THE JERRY SWINGER SHOW**  
PRESENTED BY ITS A MYSTERY TO ME

**Grand Valley Golf & Country Club, 1910 Roseville Rd, Cambridge**  
Dinner & Show Prizes 50/50 Draw Cash Bar  
Doors Open 5:30 Dinner & Show 6:30  
**Tickets \$55 per person**  
For info/tickets contact:  
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A group of women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with their husbands.

The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?"

All the women raised their hands.

Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?"

"Some women answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn't remember.

The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband - "I love you, Sweetheart"

Next the women were instructed to exchange phones with one another and read aloud the text message they received in response to their message.

Below are 11 hilarious replies. If you have been married for quite a while, you understand that these replies are a sign of true love. Who else would reply in such a succinct and honest way?

1. Who the hell is this?
2. Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
3. Yeah, and I love you too. What's wrong?
4. What now? Did you wreck the car again?
5. I don't understand what you mean?
6. What the hell did you do now?
7. Don't beat around the bush, just tell me how much you need?
8. Am I dreaming?
9. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
- 10 I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
- 11 Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?

Kinda tugs at the heart, doesn't it?

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## 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.