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# Opti-KW-ips

Pres: Robert Parent - Sect: Ian Fraser

**Helping over 5,500 Kids per year with our Heidelberg Optimist Camp.**



## President's Message

After 18 months of Covid uncertainty, The KW Optimist Club board and members continue to meet regularly and plan for the future. To ensure the safety of all members and their families, the KW Optimist Club has required members to follow provincial and local safety guidelines. Distancing, masking and proper sanitation are just some of the health measures required of our members. Accordingly, KW Optimist Club has been able to plan and carry out a number of initiatives.

After much discussion and planning, the Board of Directors and members voted to sell our Bamberg property and invest the proceeds. The money is now invested safe and secure thus ensuring long term financial stability. As such, will be able to move forward with much needed infrastructure improvements and as always maintain our goal of serving the needs of the community and youth for years to come! Thank you George Harper for overseeing the sale of Bamberg.

The YMCA summer camps continued their presence this summer and it is always good to see young people enjoying the outdoors and with school returning this fall we also welcome back WRDSB students.

Bingo has returned - in limited numbers - and a big thank you to Rick La Rush and fellow volunteers for overseeing Bingo . Our very important fundraiser during this time of Covid uncertainty.

Unfortunately, due to Covid our Heidelberg site will not be accepting hall rentals until we move into Stage 5 of Covid protocols. Further information will be forthcoming. Thank you Secretary Ian Fraser for looking after hall scheduling . It really is a balancing act this past year.

Lastly, congratulations to Optimist member George Harper as our KW Optimist of the Year! George spent much time and many hours overseeing the sale of our Bamberg property. His efforts were instrumental in the sale and most importantly securing a buyer who wishes to continue using the property for the benefit of youth and outdoor recreation. Well done.

Until next bulletin stay safe. Yours in Optimism President Robert Parent



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Passing of Optimists



Request of all members, no **not** a work party this time, but stay in touch for that - **(October 5 work Party)**.  
**Opt Ian** has requested all members to, if they wish, to email him property changes and things you WISHES we should consider to do for the property right now and future ....

Your list of items to do would be under the headings of...

**Immediate Needs** - mean right now maybe? - clean floors and standard repairs - water system - hall floor - re-build the bar and make sure there is more Gin at the bar (hehe)

**Wants** - new garage door, re-paint hall, clean up gardens and front entrance - new hats and shirts

**Future Wishes** - , Heat pumps, Wind Power generator (helps costs for hydro)

Put your thinking caps on and let **Opt Ian** know your wishes, then email him.



Yes - The Board of Directors has decided that no dues will be charged for the 2021-2022 Optimist year. Right now this is a one time offer so make good use to it. Attend as many dinners meeting, board meeting and work parties as you can.



Members Update info changes - Steve Andrews new phone is **548-288-6912**

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

*Dates to Remember 2021*

*forget 2020*

*Look Forward to 2022*

**Work Party Tuesday Oct. 5, 2021** Please we need help starting 6 PM

**Next Work Party is Oct 12 2021** to finish up what didn't get done.

**KW Optimist Club is still Closed until Stage 5 is announced by Ontario Government**



**BINGO DATES • BINGO DATES • BINGO DATES**

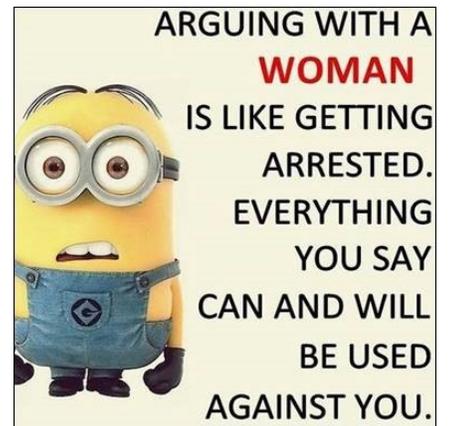


Doors open to us at 5:15 pm – the public ½ hour later We need only 2 people. **We follow Ontario Health protocols.**

THU Oct-21-2021 EVENING

THU Nov-18-2021 EVENING

THU Dec-16-2021 EVENING





# Congratulations to our 2021 Election winners

Robert “Bob” McFadyen has the knowledge, experience, passion, and drive to make a difference in our organization. He promises to be completely dedicated to helping our Members, our Clubs, and our organization in any way that he can. He has excelled in all roles that he has held within Optimist International and plans to bring that success forward in his role as the 2022-2023 International President.



Bob McFadyen

Bob’s focus, with the other International Board Members and in his role as the President, will be to increase the reach of the organization by supporting YOU the Club Member through regular communications with all Clubs and Members emphasizing the value and positive impact YOU have on the children served in YOUR community.

Bob is married to Penny, has 2 daughters, Cheryl and Heather, and 4 grandchildren, Mathew, Meghan, Emma, and Evan. He retired April 2013, after 40 years with Manulife Financial and has served the Optimist Organization in several capacities from Club President in 1997-98 to Vice President in 2013-2014. His understanding of the Optimist International finances is a strong point as he has chaired the International Audit and Finance Committee 3 years and committee member another 4 years.



Patsy Garner  
International President

Breakfast Optimist Club of East Fort Worth



**Optimist of the Year 2020 - 2021** is George Harper for his hard work on the Sale of the Bamberg property and all the other work that went with the sale, Looking after our KW Optimist Website and some bulletins sent out in Convid-19.

***From George - Thank you all so much for the award.***



I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.  
 I don't have to go to school or work.  
 I get an allowance every month.  
 I have my own pad.  
 I don't have a curfew.  
 I have a driver's license and my own car.  
 I have ID that gets me into bars and the whisky store.  
 The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.  
 And I don't have acne.  
 Life is great.I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

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 ... they have a new e-letter for you.**

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**2021 - 2022 Officers**

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**GOVERNOR TBA**

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**Maurie Sheppard**

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**2nd VICE PRES Vacant**

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**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**

**GEORGE HARPER**

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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**

**519-885-1119**

**“Please leave a message if you want us to return your call”**

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**Dear Abby,**

I have never written to you before, but I really need your advice. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs; phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with 'the girls' a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, just some friends from work, you don't know them. I try to stay awake and watch for her when she comes home, but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, I have never broached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just did not want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to finally check on her around midnight, I hid in the garage behind my golf clubs so I could get a good view of the whole street when she arrived home from a night out with "the girls."

When she got out of the car she was buttoning up her blouse, which was open, and she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on. It was at that moment, crouching behind my golf clubs, that I noticed a hairline crack where the grip meets the graphite shaft on my Taylor Made 460 driver  
Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the Pro Shop? *Regards Concerned Golfer*

**Good One ...** We were in a busy shopping center just before Christmas. Donna suddenly noticed that I was missing and as we had a lot to do, she called me on my cell. She said " Where are you, you know we have lots to do."

I said "You remember the jewelers we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace? I could not afford it at the time and I said that one day I would get it for you?"

Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up...

"Yes, I do remember that shop." she replied.

"Well, I am in the golf shop next door to that."



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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



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