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Helping over 5,400 Kids per year - Heidelberg Optimist Camp

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President's Message

Welcome to Optimist year 2025 -2026.

A big shout-out to all who have contributed in so many ways to maintaining the Club, its services and facilities in the recent past. They range from the stalwarts on the Property Committee and the supporting work parties, the Bingo Liaison group, the Hug-a-Bear program, the Youth Soccer sponsorships to the many and various deserving community needs to which we have contributed. We can all be justly proud that ours is a worthwhile cause.

But as we go forward we must be even more concerned at our ability to make a difference in the lives of our Youth. Because of declining membership and increasing age of members we have failed to continue such useful programs as the Oratorical, Spelling Bee and Essay Writing competitions, the Youth

Appreciation for deserving kids, the Respect for Law event, all of which had been flagship programs in the past.

In the meanwhile, old challenges are reappearing in our community such as on-line youth sexual exploitation, alcohol and drug abuse combined with newer problems of food insecurity and housing instability among youth. Many of these are not problems that Optimist Clubs can solve, but they challenge us to make a difference as we can.

Let us start by thinking through these challenges as a club; by identifying our weaknesses and our strengths, the alternatives and priorities available and face this year with Confidence and Optimism.

A Happy and Successful New Year.

President Frank

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Remembrance

Day

Nov. 11

Wear a Poppy

Lest We Forget



Next Dinner Meeting - November 11th

Speaker: working on & hopefully someone from the Canadian Caribbean Association Of Waterloo will be with us. **OK Ladies Night - Bring a friend**

Social 6:30 - Dinner 7:00 Sharp ... BBQ Chicken \$15

The Next dinner meeting will be our Christmas party meeting. So get ready to have more fun.



Source Book Update - Did you get your new 2025-2026 Source Book?

John Moyer new email: moyerjohn761@gmail.com please update your address books

Last Dinner Meeting Update



2024-2025 Optimist of the Year is Optimist John Moyer. Congratulation Opt John from the Club. Presented by Past President Jim Stuart on behalf of vacationing President Ralph Sperling.



Past LT Gov Maurie Sheppard inducts your New Officers and Board of Directors for 2025-2026



Installation of 2025-2026 Office were installed done by Past LT Gov Maurie Sheppard.



New President Optimist Frank Watty takes Office with Gravel from presented by Past President, 2nd VP Jim Stuart on behalf of vacationing President Ralph Sperling.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Nov. 11 - **Remembrance Day**
- Nov. 14 - Dinner Meeting
- Dec. 09 - Christmas Dinner Meeting
Ladies Night and Guests
- Dec. 25 - CHRISTMAS
- Jan. 01 - New Years Dad
- Jan. 02 - 2nd Quarter Board Meeting

{ Three simple rules in life }

1. If you do not **GO** after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you do not **ASK**, the answer will always be **NO**.
3. If you do not **step forward**, you'll always be in the same place.

Midwestern Ontario 1st Quarter Report

November 01 2025 Governor Bill Adams Hosted by the Optimist Club of Mitchell



Optimist President Frank and I attended the meeting in Mitchell. It was great seeing all the Optimists from other clubs. Also there were special guests like Past Governors and Lt. Gover-

nors and OI Past President Tracy Huxley. Talking with everyone about our common problems and goals - MEMEBERSHIP, fund raising, social media and about our future was

interesting. It is nice to review everything as a group with common goals ... The kids.

The next quarter board meeting will likely be in January sometime. I will be away but more of our members should go.

Please visit ww.optimist.org/member/optimist-institute.cfm now part of OI.

Please check it out there is a lot of information.

**“ Great
1st Quarter
Board
Meeting
You should
have been
there. Maybe
next
Meeting”**

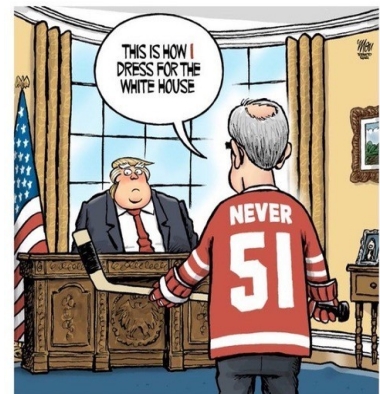
More from the 1st Quarter District Board Meeting



Optimist Club of Kitchener-Waterloo President Frank Watty and Past President IO Tracy Huxley.



KW Optimist Club President Frank Watty and **Our New** Governor for MWO District Optimist Gov. Bill G. Adams



Also members lets keep supporting CCOF our Canadian Optimist Foundation.

Sad News from Minnesota

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 75.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin.

Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with many

flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.

Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

We're on the Web!

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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



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On The Funny Side

- I lived in a houseboat for a while, and started seeing the girl next door. Eventually we drifted apart.
- My boyfriend tried to make me have sex on the hood of his Honda Civic. I refused. If I'm going to have sex, it is going to be on my own Accord.
- A man tried to sell me a coffin today. I told him, that's the last thing I need.
- The neighborhood barber just got arrested for selling drugs. We had been his customers for 8 years. We had no idea he was a barber.
- 100 years ago everyone had a horse and only the rich had cars. Nowadays everyone has a car and only the rich have horses. Oh how the stables have turned.
- My boyfriend was dying. I was by his bedside when he said something with a weak voice, "There's something I must confess." "Shhh" I said "There's nothing to confess. Everything is alright." "No, I must die in peace" he said, "I had sex with your sister, your best friend and your co-worker." "I know" I whispered, "That's why I poisoned you... Now close your eyes."
- Did you hear about McDonald's trying to get into the high end steakhouse market.

It's my wife's birthday tomorrow, she's been leaving jewellery catalogues all over the house, so I've bought her a magazine rack.

DIET DAY 1:

I HAVE REMOVED ALL THE BAD FOOD FROM THE HOUSE. IT WAS DELICIOUS.

**Got up at 5am, 8km run completed, came back prepared a vegetable smoothie for breakfast....
Don't remember the rest of the dream....**



My therapist set half a glass of water in front of me. He asked if I was an optimist or a pessimist. So, I drank the water and told him I was a problem solver.
~Unknown



Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A mobile phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands-free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: 'Hello'

WOMAN: 'Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?'

MAN: 'Yes'

WOMAN: 'I'm at the mall now and found this beautiful leather coat.

It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?'

MAN: 'Sure, go ahead if you really like it.'

WOMAN: 'I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2021

Models. I saw one I really liked.'

MAN: 'How much?'

WOMAN: '\$98,000'

MAN: 'OK, but for that price make sure it comes with all the options.'

WOMAN: 'Great! Oh, and one more thing, the house I wanted last year

is back on the market. They're asking \$950,000.'

MAN: 'well, then go ahead and make an offer of \$900,000. They will

probably take it. If not, go the extra 50 thousand if you think it's really a pretty good price.'

WOMAN: 'OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much! You're so generous!'

MAN: " You're worth it. 'Bye!'

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment, with mouths agape.

Man asks: "Anybody knows whose phone this is?"