

# Optimist Club of Mitchell -- May 2018 Newsletter



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Optimist Cheryl Davidson &  
Optimist Sharon Tully  
Treasurer: Optimist Nancy Krug  
Secretary: Optimist Rose Kraal

*Meet the first & third Tuesdays of the month*

## From our Co-Presidents

We have zoomed into our 3rd quarter and do I dare say activities may slow down a bit from here on? My Co-President and I are amazed at all of you and the hard working hours put into the programs we have brought forth to our community youth this year.

A huge thanks to Opt Co-Pres Sharon for staying a second year as our leader going into the 2018/2019 Optimist year. And coming on board with her is another great Optimist willing to take on the Co-President position, Opt Sharon Flanagan. It will be the year of our "Sharon's!" Following the president-elect positions being filled, it wasn't hard to get the rest of our Board of Directors in place, Thanks to all of You!

We are on to the next 25 years of Fashion Shows! Well done Opt Ruth Ann & team for putting on a spectacular sell out highlighting our first 25 years of shows. Lots of reminiscing to bring past moments alive again!

Congratulations to Optimist Mary for her STEM work at St. Columban. I understand her class of grade 5s were very entertaining at the zone breakfast, showing their excitement and knowledge in all this new technology! Sorry I missed it.



We're looking forward to a good number heading to 3rd Quarter Board in Alma to hear Mackenzie Dixon give her Oratorical speech. We have been so fortunate this year to have Opt Co-Lt. Gov. Kathy as our own member keeping us closely up to date with District happenings, and still carrying on with her many committee involvements within our club.

Your Co-Presidents Opt Sharon & I attended an open house fundraiser on the club's behalf at Hear Well Be Well on May 4th. We supported their cause to the new SGHF CT Scanner with a \$100.00 donation. Hospital reps, our mayor and councillors, media, plus service clubs were all in attendance.

Be sure to join us at our June 5th dinner. Guest speaker is Terri Sparling, giving us insight on the Huron Perth Centre for Children & Youth, Mental Health.

From Opt Co-Presidents Cheryl & Sharon,  
we wish all our moms a very "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY"



## Opti Challenge Ball

Opti Challenge Ball begins  
**Sunday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

at Keterson Park, diamond C &/or D.  
Games will be every Sunday at 6:30  
for twelve weeks.

Come out and watch some games.

*Thank you to Opt Dianne O.*



## Bingos

Next Bingos on our schedule are

Monday, May 21 with Optimist  
Dorothy doing paperwork  
and helpers are Optimist  
Sarah and Optimist Lindsey,  
and then again on

Saturday, June 9 which is a matinee and Optimist Nancy  
Krug is on paperwork and helpers are Optimist  
Shannon, Optimist Jackie and Optimist Kerri C.

*Optimist Kathy*



## Lt Governor Report

The 3rd Quarter Board is on Saturday, May 12 in  
Alma, Ontario. They will be having the winning  
District Essay participant read their essay, and they  
will also be holding the District Oratorical contest!!  
General meeting to start at 9:45.

We held our Zone 1 3rd Quarter Board Zone  
breakfast on Sunday, April 29th hosted by the  
Mitchell Optimist Club!! It was a great success with  
most clubs in our zone being represented by a couple  
members from each club!

We were lucky to have Mitchell Optimist member  
and club Chair of the Coding and Robotics program  
Optimist Mary Fischer along with many of her  
students show us all about this awesome new District  
program. The students and everyone else attending  
were treated to an amazing breakfast served by many  
Mitchell Optimist Club members.

We also held the election for a Lt Governor for Zone  
1 next year. Optimist Henk Tolsma from the  
Optimist Club of Tavistock was nominated and let  
his name stand and was voted in for this position!!  
Congratulation Henk!! We look forward to working  
with you next year!!

The 4th District Quarter Board is being held in  
Cambridge, Ontario Aug 11-12.

The International Convention is being held in  
Ottawa, Ontario July 7-9.

The 4th Zone BBQ will once again be hosted by the  
Ellice Optimist Club on July 26 ... more info to  
follow.

Optimist Lt Governor Alissa and myself encourage all  
clubs to keep working hard to become either a  
Distinguish or Honour Club. Let us know if you  
need our help!!

*Optimist Co Lt Governor of Zone 1  
Kathy Vivian*

## Oratorical Contest

We had one participant, Mackenzie Dixon who  
will be taking part in the District Oratorical being  
held at the 3rd Quarter Board in Alma on  
Saturday, May 12!! Good luck Mackenzie.

*Kathy Vivian  
Oratorical Chair*

## PERSONAL GROWTH AND INVOLVEMENT (PGI)

### Our Optimist International Magazine

**The Optimist** - Optimist International's Magazine - is a big  
help in keeping the thousands of Optimists around the  
world connected and up-to-date.

- Ø paid for from your membership dues
- Ø published 4 times a year: Fall, Winter, Spring,  
Summer
- Ø **mailing label shows your membership number**
  - \* 46 refers to our Midwestern Ontario District
  - \* 46136 is our club's number
  - \* last 2 or 3 numbers is your personal ID number
  - \* 461360019 is my number which means I'm part  
of Midwestern Ontario District (46); I belong  
to Mitchell (46136) and I was assigned the  
19th membership number (461360019)

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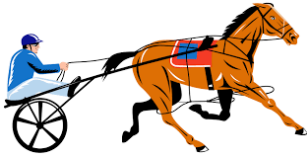
- \* Mission Statement
- \* Vision Statement
- \* Purposes of Optimist International
- \* The Optimist Creed

**The Optimist** is a valuable guide when talking to  
prospective members. Whether it is in your car, on your  
coffee table, or next to the remote in your family room,  
consider keeping The Optimist in a handy place.  
Remember - **You pay for it, so make it work for you!**

*Optimist Dianne Josling*

## Clinton Fun Day at the Races

This event is coming up on Sunday, June 24 at the Clinton Raceway.



We will be having a

- \* bake sale,
- \* 50/50 draw,
- \* silent auction, and a
- \* BBQ sponsored by the Perth County Pork Producers.

Plus, we have a new opportunity offered to us by the Raceway whereby we can get

\* 10 businesses or families to sponsor one race each, and the proceeds all come back to our club. So far, we have 6 out of the 10 races sponsored, and we are waiting to hear back from a couple more.

This is always a fun day at the race track!! So come on out and join us!

*Kathy Vivian*

*Chairperson for Clinton Fun Day at the Races*



### 2018-2019 OFFICERS-ELECT

Co-Presidents:

Sharon Tully & Sharon Flanagan

Secretary: Rose Kraal

Treasurer: Nancy Krug

2 Year Directors:

Sherri Jordan, Larry Cook, Barb Rose

1 Year Directors:

Mary Anne Lealess, Juanita Belfour,

Larry Gray

CCOF Rep: Sherri Jordan



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## Youth Safety on Wheels

-- bikes, trikes, scooters, skate boards --

Saturday, June 9, 9:30-11:00 am

Mitchell  
Town Hall  
parking lot

(Arena ice pad  
if raining)



Ages 3-12  
Adult with 10+  
Bring your  
wheels & helmet

Donations by:

- \* Tim Hortons
- \* Motley Sport and Cycle
- \* Lisa Suffern & Associates Ltd.,  
The Co-operators
- \* BAMB - Brain & Mind Matters

- \* radar challenge
- \* free draws
- \* fire truck
- \* BAMB - Brain &  
Mind Matters
- \* crossing guard
- \* **Respect for Law**
- \* refreshments

## Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, May 12 – **3rd Quarter Board** in Alma Community Centre

Sunday, May 13, 6:30 pm – **Opti Challenge Ball** at Keterson Park -C &/or D -every Sun for 12 weeks

Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 pm – **Business Meeting** at MDHS Library

Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 pm – **Dinner Meeting** at Knox Church – meal at 7:00

Saturday, June 9, 9:30 am – **Youth Safety on Wheels & Respect for Law** at Town Hall Parking Lot

Thursday, June 14 - **Water Safety Day** at St. Pauls Hall

Tuesday, June 19, 7:00 pm – **Business Meeting** at MDHS Library

-St. Columban students doing Robotics & Kids Speak Out

Sunday, June 24 – **Fun Day at the Races** at Clinton Raceway

Friday & Saturday, September 28 & 29 – **Optimist/Outreach Home Tour**

Thanks to Optimist Dorothy for making this for the Zone Breakfast

### **Potatoes Supreme**

2 lb frozen hash browns, defrosted

1/2 cup melted butter

1 tsp salt

1/4 tsp pepper

1/2 cup chopped onion (or more)

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 can cream of chicken soup

1 container (16 oz) sour cream

10 oz Kraft grated cheddar cheese

2 cups crushed cornflakes mixed with 1/4 cup melted butter

Defrost potatoes and pour melted butter over them. Add salt and blend well. Add other ingredients.

Pour into 9 x 13 casserole. Cover with cornflakes.

Bake at 325 degrees F for 1 hour.



## **Metzger Meat Fundraiser**

The Metzger Meat Fundraiser was a great success financially and also gave our purchasers great product for this upcoming BBQ Season!! Thank you to all who took part with selling and to those that helped with the delivery process!! Also thanks to Metzgers for being great people to work with!

*Kathy Vivian*

*Metzger Meat Fundraiser Chair*



### **Birthd**

May 11 - Judy

### **Annivrsary**

May 18 - Dorothy & Riek

## **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.