

CENON – 3rd Quarter Zone Reports

Zone 1 (Fort Erie, Grantham-St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, St. Catharines, and Welland)

No reports submitted for this quarter

Zone 2 (Ancaster, Battlefield – Stoney Creek, Dunnville, Haldimand, Hamilton, Hamilton-East and Stoney Creek)

Ancaster Township Optimist Club –

- Have had two in-person meetings in our hall since the restrictions have been revised. The last meeting on 20th April saw 19 of our 26 members in attendance.
- There is new management at the Ancaster Canadian Tire which is our preferred venue and it appears they are anxious and willing for us to get the ball rolling. Our first scheduled night is Tuesday May 17th from 5pm to dusk and will run through til September.
- Have an ongoing fundraiser with Buffalo Wild Wings Ancaster – 10% of the bill (minus tax and alcohol) is returned to the club if people use code TEAM O
- The club is continuing to use ZOOM for our monthly directors' meetings.

Dunnville Optimist club:

- Optimist Family Fun Day- car rally to various stations where children performed various activities then back to the hall for hot chocolate and cookies.
- Chili Fundraiser- \$10 got you chili, bun, 2 salads and dessert
- Oratorical- we sent 2 of our 9 speakers to compete in the zone competition.
- Essay- winner for Dunnville was Grace Munnings. Now to compete in District
- Youth Appreciation- 5 youths were recognized
- Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser April 23,
- Designer bingo May 14,
- Home Alone safety course- financially sponsored by the Rotary
- Dream Drive -Sept 17-18- moving car show between highway Ft Erie and St Thomas
- Several Community Donations provided.

Stoney Creek:

- Feb 27 – Annual Sno Golf. Approximately 60 golfers in the men's, ladies and kid's divisions. Even had snow!
- March 9 – Presentation by Lena Bassford of Comfort Bears. Our club had donated \$200.00 for 10 bears.
- March 23 - Chili Cook Off – 15 chilis and a great attendance.
- April 8 – Annual Ham Roll. Gave out 60 hams, ran several Pig Races and a \$400.00 donation to Challenger Baseball

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- Inducting 3 new members with a 4th to follow shortly.

Hamilton Inc.: At our Feb. Bd. meeting, we agreed to sponsor Mt. Hamilton Soccer Club for three teams, Westmount Baseball for two teams and Challenger Baseball with our usual. Then we allocated donations to each for the Essay winner and Oratorical. Neighbour 2 Neighbour, and 9 of the Heritage Hungarian School Graduates of Hamilton. We have been able to do this with the startup of our Monthly Bingo and Nevada.

Hamilton - East.:

- Saturday April 23 we are providing the free BBQ lunch for the Escarpment Cleanup at the Punchbowl Market.
- We have provided sponsorships for Scott Park and Mahoney Baseball leagues and a scholarship for a graduating student at Cathedral School.
- We are hosting a comedy night at Tracie's Place restaurant on Sunday May 15 between 7 and 9 pm. This is a fun night with tickets only \$10 each. If you're interested in tickets please let me know or see anyone else in our club.

Haldimand:

- We had a Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser on April 7, 2022. We sold 125 dozen donuts, a 25% increase year over year. This was an on-line event with some telephone orders.
- We have bought 100 Gypsy Moth traps (LDD) as another online fundraiser. We have two thirds of these sold and we have not advertised. These will be distributed late in May,
- In the month of June we will be having another toll crossing in Cayuga. We do two a year, one in Cayuga and one in Caledonia.
- There is a car cruise called the South Coast DreamDrive3 coming up in September 2022. We have bought advertising space in all of the ads and we have been designated an official supporter. This gives us great advertising and great opportunities to raise funds, hopefully for years to come. All of the expenses for they day have been underwritten by Cayuga Mutual Insurance.
- This quarter we have developed a better grant application for the 2022 Call for Proposals as well as developing a help booklet for the applicants. We have the ability to award grants of up to \$3,500.

Battlefield Optimists: We are currently in the process of preparing for our other fundraising venture at the Winona Peach Festival which has not taken place for the past 2 years because of Covid. At the festival our booth sells hot dogs, sausages and drinks that in the past has been extremely successful.

We are actively looking for new members and have several candidates.

As in the past we continue to sponsor children at camps and school trips including the Orchard Park robotics team who are travelling to Texas this weekend for an event.

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Zone 3 (Burlington, Carlisle, Greensville, Milton, Oakville, Puslinch, Strabane, Etobicoke, Waterdown, AWE-SUM)

No reports submitted for this quarter

Zone 5 (Aurora, DAT at UTSC, Keswick, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Rouge Valley, York Region – Kruzers, Exceptionally Fun)

We held a combined Zone 5 and Zone 6 Oratorical contest on April 23 at the Newmarket Hall with 6 amazing speakers. Shout out and thank you to Rhonda St. John for her work in organizing the event.

We are currently planning a Zone 5 Junior Optimist Club Golf Tournament taking place on Sunday May 29th at Orchard Beach Golf Club in Georgina.

The clubs in the zone will once again be partnering to take part in the Magna Hoedown Event. Unfortunately, the live event is cancelled but there will still be donations to organizations in York Region.

Aurora – Raised \$1,300 for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Move for Kids Sake and Partnered with Joe and Vals' No Frills in Aurora to fill a freezer with meat for the food pantry. The Mobile kitchen has hit the streets with their first event at Family day for the town of Aurora and are working on filling up their summer with events around town. They have signed up 3 members with 5 more interested and currently going through the steps needed to become members in Q4. Shout out to Optimist Alex Ansell who achieved eminent status for donating over \$10,000 in his life time to CCOF.

Keswick – Assisted a local youth with special needs with some equipment they required for school and home. They hosted a Hopping Down the Bunny Trail community Easter event which featured 15 local businesses and community groups coming together to decorate their vehicle for Easter and handed out treats to 500 kids. The local Lions and Kinettes Club joined in on the event which has started the conversation for the Optimist International Celebrate Community Initiatives. They have hosted an Art contest and are working on a Youth Appreciation Program that will see a youth in the community recognized each month. The Bed races are coming to Georgina on July 1st in collaboration with the Town's festivities. They are looking for teams to join in the fun and help raise funds for the community.

Newmarket – Had a great time taking the Easter Bunny around to visit 120 kids on April 9th and 10th throughout the community. The club in the midst of planning and hosting a Youth Art Exhibit at the club house and are excited that plans for both the Fish Out and Poker Run are in the works for this year.

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Zone 6 (Caledon, Erin, Main Place-Erin, Orangeville, Bolton, and Halton Hills)

Showing a net plus 5 in membership

Optimist Club of Caledon participated in both Essay and Oratorical Competitions. Involved in a campaign to install a traffic light at a busy corner adjacent to the local elementary school. Planning a Toll Road and a bottle and can drive in conjunction with the Caledon Central Public School to raise money to purchase playground equipment. Will be involved in OPP Youth Leadership program that will run in July.

Optimist Club of Erin Have been participating in the Catch the Ace fundraiser, had a BBQ for Station Road Nursery, and on April 23rd held a BBQ for Erin clean up day. On May 5th another BBQ for the Ross R. MacKay School talent night. Will be participaint in the District Golf Tournament on June 11th.

Halton Hills Optimist Club – Signed up another new member. Have resumed in-person dinner meetings. After Storm damage to their roof they replaced the roof, renovated the inside of the club with new lights, ceiling and bar sink. A new coat of paint was applied and is attracting new rentals. Weekly TV Bingo on Cogeco TV/Your TV, a decision to add a jackpot paid off with increased sales and profit. Food 4Life delivers bags of food to families in need. The goal is to divert food from landfills and serve the community. This is in partnership with the Optimist Club of Milton. Weekly Food deliveries in partnership with Acclaim Health. Planning a Respect for Law event in May/June and Elections planned for May.

Optimist Club of Orangeville – Held a Golf tournament on April 29th. A Scavenger Hunt will be held on Saturday May 14th at Kay Cee Gardens in partnership with the Dufferin Children's Aid Foundation and will be serving pancakes and syrup. Hosted a successful Oratorical Contest – winner moving onto the Zone contest. A 50th Anniverary Gala will be held on Saturday September 17th at the Best Western Hotel in Orangeville (more details to follow).

Optimist Club of Main Place - Erin - Nothing new at this time.

Optimist Club of Bolton - The Optimist Club of Bolton is working with the BCC for Cinco de Mayo and Midnight Madness. They are hoping for more members shortly. They have a participant for the Oratorical Zone contest.

Zone 7 (Barrie, Collingwood-Evening, Parry Sound)

Collingwood: _Collingwood is alive, well and extremely busy. They are at 21 members. Projects: *Mother of all Yard Sales* – May 14th, preparation began yesterday 10 am to 8 pm up to the event. Estimated revenue\$50,000.00 *Fish Derby* – Saturday June 25th. They are expecting 300 people at the harbor. They are giving away 50 rods and reels to families in need. *Canada Day* will include a Celebrity Pancake breakfast, Family bike parade, Rubber duckie race. *CCOF Bursary pass through project* is ongoing again this year to solicit donations from the public in exchange for a tax receipt

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Barrie: Barrie has deleted five members as of April 25th and is now at 14, They have challenges and still only about 7 of those are active in any real way. They actually debated folding the club in an April meeting but decided to continue on although activities are limited. They are still doing bingo as their major fundraiser.

Parry Sound: Presently at 10 members. Attempting to meet with club members this spring

Zone 8 (Oshawa, Uxbridge, Brooklin)

Oshawa –Donating to the school food program and assisting 110 families through 15 schools. Hosted an in person Zone meeting. Ran an Easter in the Park Events that was successful

Uxbridge – no updates at this time.

Brooklin – Busy preparing for their summer camp as they received a grant for 15 students. They participated in the Oratorical and Essay contest.

Zone 9 (Douro & District, Ennismore, Lindsay, and Trent)

Trent: Focusing on new member interest and growth. They plan to have 2-3 members attend convention.

Zone 10 (Arnprior, Arnprior Optimistic – IC Women's, Cornwall, Forest Park, Lancaster, Napean, and Spencerville)

Arnprior Optimist Club: No updates at this time.

Arnprior Women Optimist Club: No updates at this time.

Cornwall Optimist Club:

- Maintained two skating rinks
- Ran an essay and oratorical contest but unfortunately we had no entries
- Currently collecting submissions for our youth achievement awards which we partner with YourTV which sees some amazing youth recognized for their activities in our community. The 1st and 2nd place recipients receive a new tablet as an award.
- Our bake sale also continued. We collected goods to send in support of Ukraine which were shipped and received quickly. We assisted our sister clubs in Kampala and in the Kazeze district with funds for food purchasing and school supplies to allow children to attend school.
- We partnered with our JOI to recognize our school crossing guards under the respect for Law program.

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- We attempted to restart our Optimist softball league but the decision was made to run skills development camps for 2022.
- Our ball hockey league has been restarted after a 2 year hiatus.
- Our Nevada lottery is also doing well on an ongoing basis and we continue to hold bingos every 2nd Thursday. We also assisted local families who found themselves in need due to the high cost of food and loss of work due to health issues.
- We have recently had 6 new members join us to add to our Optimist family.
- We are also working on plans for our Ribfest in July, and we have had many bands send in applications to play this year. We look forward to returning to a normal event,

Forest Park Optimist Club

- All of our Board of Directors meetings continue to occur over zoom meetings and we have just started to have monthly in person breakfast meetings our first one was held on April 10, 2022.
- We continue to work with the Cambridge Public school on events.
- We are starting to send monthly board meeting minutes to all members to keep people engaged. We are now sending Birthday and Anniversary cards to all members as well.
- Tony and Bonnie participated as judges for the Lancaster Oratorical contest.
- We have 5 members attending the 3rd quarter zone meeting in Cornwall on April 24, 2022. We will also be making a monetary donation to the community service project for the Newmarket Food Pantry.
- There will be 4 members attending the 3rd quarter conference May 6 & 7, 2022 in New Market.
- We have 6 members so far attending the Lancaster Volunteer Appreciation night in Williamstown May 14, 2022.
- We will be holding our Annual Elections breakfast on May 16, 2021 for the 2022-2023 Optimist year.
- President Bonnie continues to work as a community stakeholder on 2 of Cambridge Public Schools board programs. We are hoping to have one pancake breakfast by the end of the year and possibly a year end BBQ now that the school is starting to reopen.
- The Cambridge school is in the process of selecting a deserving student for our newly named Lise Bramall Citizenship award to be awarded at graduation in June 2022 which we are hoping to attend and be able to present the award in person this year.
- The Edge of Forest trivia will take place in -person on June 4, 2022 at the Limoges Recreation centre. Cost is \$15 per person with prizes and a light buffet being served.
- We are presently working on preparations for the new school year, with hopes of starting a kids speak out program and a JOI club for grades 4 -6.
- Preparations are starting for our second annual mini-putt tournament that will be held on August 20, 2022 at the Oasis mini-putt centre in Limoges.

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- At this time due to COVID-19 restrictions and the lock down it has been difficult to host our regular events with the club and the public school we work with.
- To date 50% of our membership has made donations to the CCOF dime-a day. We are hoping to present the Christian D Larson award to Brian Bramall at our club BBQ in August.
- We are utilizing the school newsletter system to reach over 300 families to publicize events and recently had our club pamphlet sent to all the families and teachers in an effort to increase membership and we are hoping this will be successful in the coming weeks. As members we are also seeking new members for our club. We have 2 new potential members that we are working with to start participating in activities.
- Bonnie and Tony continue to attend events hosted by the Nepean club.

Lancaster Optimist Club

- We have just finished our oratorical and will be sending 2 candidates to Newmarket for the District competition. We had 5 competitors from two different schools. Thanks to Forest Park for judging our participants.
- In January we had two park benches installed at the rink in Smithfield Park in Lancaster.
- A huge thank you to Shaun St.Pierre and his team for keeping the rink going this winter. It was enjoyed by many in the community.
- We have two basketball nets on order and should be installed in Smithfield Park this spring.
- A member appreciation night will be held May 14th. This has been long overdue and we have a fantastic team that needs to be thanked. We have opened it up to other clubs in zone 10 as an interclub visit as well. This will be a dinner at Jack's Pub in Williamstown.
- This year we will resume running our bike rodeo at the two elementary schools that we work with. There are approximately 150 students in Williamstown Public that will take part and 100 students in Iona Academy. Thank you to Shannon for taking the lead on this.
- We have been extremely busy planning our Canada Day Celebrations. To help off set the cost we will be having a Butterfly release. So buy a butterfly that will be released at the opening ceremonies of Canada Day either by yourself or by one of the children present at that time. Other activities will be inflatable games, beer garden, food vendors, The County Lads and The Beatles will be our entertainment. Of course fireworks at 10pm. A huge thank you to Melinda for taking the chair on this project.
- We will also have delegates at District convention and International Convention.

Spencerville and District Optimist Club

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February

- It was a great season on our Outdoor Rink.
- Community Celebration at our outdoor rink on the Sunday of Family Weekend with Hot Chocolate. Hot dogs, camp fire, and of course Fudgeos!

March

- March started off poorly with the sudden passing of our dear member Optimist Joy Curnoe. We support her husband Optimist Bill Curnoe.
- Apple Pie Presale – 230 frozen apple pies were presold
- Apple Pie Bee – great club builder as 23 members participated in pie making
- Bake Sale and Pie pick up was a sell out!

April

- We had our first in person Directors Meeting since February 2020
- Several Optimist members assisted the 3 Spencerville Churches with their Easter Egg Hunt
- and Pancake Breakfast with proceeds going to the Foodbank on Easter Saturday.
- Nominating Committee filled our slate of officers at our Dinner Meeting for 22/23
- Guest Speaker at our April dinner meeting was Elena Kingsbury (daughter of Optimist John Kingsbury) presented her Holocaust/Tolerance RV that she uses with schools that invite her to present and educate at their schools.

May/June

- Activities planned include: Basketball fun at Centennial PS, Support BBQ for the Spencerville Mill Poker Run kayak/canoe down the Nation River, Spaghetti Dinner, Bike Rodeo, St John's Ambulance Baby Sitting Course, Soap Box Derby, Volunteering Bursary at a local HS
- Ordering promotional "postcards" to promote the Spencerville & District Optimist Club at community events

Napean Optimist Club: No updates at this time