

## CENON – 4th 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

Have been running Car Cruise Nights with their trailer at Canadian Tire every Tuesday until mid-September.

August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> will be spent at Bay Front Park serving up hamburgers, hotdogs, fries, and cold drinks for Hell in the Harbor (a 6.5km obstacle course) that raises funds for Special Olympics Ontario and Cops and Rodders Car Show which also raises funds for the Special Olympics. Hamilton Police are involved in both events.

September 22, 23, 24 and 25 will be back at the Ancaster Fall Fair with the food trailer.

#### Battlefield

We are currently in the process of preparing for the Winona Peach Festival and accepting applications for university scholarship funds for local students.

#### Dunnville

Casino Bus runs- bus runs every 2nd month with excited people who want to have a day away at Niagara Casino.

Saturday, August 20 Optimist Indoor/Outdoor Bazaar: Shop local artisans and small businesses. 10am-2pm.

Saturday, August 27 Optimist 8th Annual Best Ball Golf Tournament: Freedom Oaks Golf Club \$75 ticket includes 9 holes of golf with a golf cart, prizes – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Teams; Men's and Ladies Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. First tee at 3pm Proceeds support the work of Optimists with youth in the community.

Saturday Sept 24th- Designer Bingo with designer purses being the main prizes

#### Haldimand

No report submitted.

#### Hamilton

Assisting the Diabetic Camp for children, YMCA Camp Wanakita and COLS.

Co-Sponsored Annual Fishing Derby at Hamilton Harbour on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Having another Christmas Raffle in December and will be running a Christmas Card workshop as a WOW/NOW Meeting.

They are looking for a new home at the Scout House has not allowed them back in.

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### **East Hamilton**

No report submitted.

### **Stoney Creek**

We celebrated Optimist James Smythe's 90th birthday at our general meeting in May

They are running their annual Snack Booth for Little League games – runs every Monday-Thursday, 6-9 from May – September - An opportunity to give students volunteer hours

Winona Peach Festival – August 26-28, 2022 - requires 220 4-hour shifts to be filled with volunteers, months of planning, weeks of purchasing items and a mad blitz from Wednesday – Monday of that weekend

Through their activities, they were able to give 65+ students a surplus of 600+ volunteer hours to help them satisfy their high school requirement

### **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)**

The zone held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Junior Golf Tournament with 13 youth from Newmarket and Keswick. 7 youth qualified to move forward and 3 took part in the district tournament. It was great to have members from the clubs in the zone come and enjoy the event. We are looking for more ways to work together on events.

**Aurora** has done a great job of growing their membership. They have added 10 new members this year with net growth of 5! Their mobile kitchen has had a busy summer serving up food at 8 events with 3 more booked for later this summer. They received recognition from Southlake Foundation for being the top fundraiser in the community/service club category raising \$4,275 for the Run for Southlake. The club handed out 5 Highschool Scholarships and spend time preparing hampers for the Food Pantry.

**Newmarket** had a busy quarter hosting 3 large event starting in May with a youth Art Show at their hall. They had 29 entries and honored 3 students with prize money. In June they hosted their 9<sup>th</sup> annual Poker Run for Southlake Foundation. 31 bikes, the most in several years, came out to enjoy the event and helped raised \$4000 for Pediatric Oncology. Family Fish out came back in July after a 2-year break. The day was busy with over 180 kids registered and over 400 people coming out to enjoy the beautiful weather and awesome event.

**Keswick** has successful launched a monthly Youth Appreciation Award Program presenting youth each month with a certificate and a Family Pizza Party for their efforts in the community. Awards

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were presented for May, June, and July. Scholarships were presented to 6 high school student and a grade 8 student received the Keswick Optimist Citizenship award. The club donated \$1000 to the food pantry to assist them as they reopened for in person pickups and provided financial support to a youth who made the Women's Artistic Gymnastic Team and represented Ontario in BC. The Junior Optimist Club has been issued a permit for use of the school starting in September and the club is excited to focus on rebuilding the group. Plans are underway for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trick or Trunk event on Saturday Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, if anyone would like to join in on the fun contact the club.

**Richmond Hill** provided a local school with treats for their end of the year fun fair. The club has supported several local youths with funding for musical and educational support to help them with their anxiety and learning disabilities. They are looking to host a BBQ/Corn roast in the fall and are excited to be able to get back into Bingo and work on hosting a Christmas event.

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

**Zone 6 is showing a net of plus 4 in membership. Zone 6 will be hosting a Zone meeting in September 2022.**

**Optimist Club of Caledon** has had an active Spring and Summer. We held two fundraising events – a bottle and can drive in May, and a Toll Road in June – which combined to bring in over \$5,000. A “Respect for Law Diner” helped introduce our sponsoring work with the successful Caledon OPP Youth Leadership Camp, held in July. The Youth Leadership held a very successful Car Wash, bringing in \$1,733.00, 1 person donated \$300.00 for her car wash. During the last week in June, we celebrated Youth Appreciation Days at 3 local elementary schools, handing out ice cream sandwiches to all students, teachers, administrators, and support staff members. We also gave graduation awards at those three schools, plus one secondary school. In addition, we contributed funds to enable Family Transition Place to provide workshops on bullying at one of those schools, and donated money to upgrade their kindergarten playground equipment. On Canada Day we had the pleasure of taking part in the opening ceremony at the Caledon Fairground celebration. Our plan for the month of September is to recruit new members, so we can start the new year in October with a lot of new energy.

**Optimist Club of Erin** – has held a few in person meetings at a club members home. The club is having a problem with getting their members back since the Covid shut downs. The club did have 2 participates for the district Jr. Golf and as always a few of their members helped out at the tournament. They have had some tent rentals and a have a number for Sept. So far 2 of their members will be attending the Orangeville's 50 Anniversary, they hoping to have a few more to attend.

**Halton Hills Optimist Club** – Recent events:

Respect for Law: We honored the Police Officer of the Year for Halton Hills with attendance of the recipient, his supervisor and both of their spouses as well as our club members

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**Now Event:** We held a NOW event and have signed up another new member (+2 for this year so far). A third new member just signed up a few days ago and there are four additional members that plan to join our club – fingers crossed

**Special track Meet:** We worked together with the Optimist Clubs of Milton, Oakville and Burlington. We served food for some 450 athletes, 150 staff and about 50 student volunteers.

**Christmas Tree Sale:** We ordered trees for this year's Christmas tree sale

**Food4Life:** We are delivering food to families in need. The goal of Food4Life is to divert food from the landfills and our goal is to serve the community. This initiative is also in partnership with the Optimist Club of Milton.

**Weekly TV Bingo on Cogeco TV / Your TV.** The newly introduced Jackpot turned out to be a great addition to our weekly draws!

We held monthly dinner meetings

We finished the renovation of our hall

We applied for a grant from the Trillium Foundation to make our hall accessible

**Upcoming events:** Cross-country run, in September

Weekly TV Bingo

Acclaim Health Food deliveries

Food4Life Food delivery

**Optimist Club of Orangeville** – We had Headwater's Hospital, Kendra Goss speak to the club in our May meeting.

Life membership presentation to Steve Catcher, great evening, Sprouse's night, pack house.

Our annual summer steak BBQ with all the trimmings, well attend.

Promoting the club's 50th Anniversary on September 17th, 2022 at the Best Western.

The CITP committee meet regularly on Tuesday mornings in the optimist shed, to get ready for the CITP 30th year of the event.

The CITP group also as a community service, BBQ lunch for the senior's every Tuesday during the month of July and August.

Just started a working relationship with DCAFF, more to follow, keep your ear to the ground.

Held a Jr. World Golf tournament in Shelburne.

In addition, we had our regular 2 board meetings

Sad news; the passing of a new member and the club's secretary - Kevin Bowden.

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

**Optimist Club of Bolton** – has been working with the BCC for August 12th Midnight Madness.

They are also hoping to get some new Optimist shortly. On September 17th the optimist club of Bolton will be entering a team Of optimums in a motion ball event, hopefully they will be able to get members from the zone to join their team.

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

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**Barrie** is continuing to meet, but on a less frequent basis. The active members are participating in Bingo as their major fundraiser. The +y just completed their participation in Kempenfelt where they were responsible for antique sales. This was their best year every in this event financially. Steady at 14 members, COER completed, dues all paid and up to date

**Collingwood** had an extremely successful Mother of all garage sales raising approximately \$35,000.00. Rubber ducky ticket sales, Pancake breakfast and bike parade for Canada day raised approximately \$6,500.00. They conducted their annual family fishing derby at where they gave out approximately 50 rods and reels. Their CCOF bursary pass through program for 2022 is successfully raising funds. Steady at 23 members, COER not filed as they are attempting to have a new president for the upcoming year. All Dues paid and up to date

**Parry Sound** still not responding to communications. 10 members, OI dues are in arrears COER has not been filed.

### Zone 8 (Oshawa, Uxbridge, Brooklin)

**Oshawa** –August 27<sup>th</sup> will hold a Yard Sale and Fun Day. They continue with their Backpack program. Busy planning their Halloween Trunk or Treat and Christmas Party.

**Uxbridge** – no updates at this time.

**Brooklin** – Holding their Summer camp which employs 9 full time students through a government grant. Will be starting their Youth Dances again in the fall and participating in the Harvest Festival.

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

**Trent:** On summer break currently.

**Duoro & District** – Will be disbanding as their membership has fallen.

**Ennismore** – will begin meetings in the new Optimist Year again.

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

#### Arnprior Women Optimist Club

The Arnprior Optimistic Women's Club had a successful 3rd annual (accept during Covid!) Women's Naughty Trivia event in May. This unique event saw approximately 150 women gather together for a night of trivia, laughs, and dancing! We raised approximately \$10,000 which will allow us to continue our support of youth and children in our community. We were able to increase our high school student bursary this year (June) and award two students with \$750 each for post secondary studies.

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We are taking a break as usual for the summer months but will be back in the fall with another Dr Seuss themed event for the kids!

### **Cornwall Optimist Club**

Several fundraiser barbeques in our community - averaging over \$700.00 in sales at each event.

Restarted Optimist Ball Hockey League

We recently purchased a 35' inflatable screen and have all the equipment now to host drive in movies as well as movies in the park.

Youth Achievement Award night in partnership with YourTV on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Recognize youth that have gone above and helped the new child in school or helped to prevent bullying. The recipients receive a tablet and case from our club as well as recognition from our Member of Parliament, Member of Provincial Parliament and Mayor of Cornwall.

Full Ribfest event this year on July 21 to 24 which saw 4 days of live entertainment. Approximately 40,000 people visit the event.

Club picnic.

Halloween Trunk or Treat event in Lamoureux Park on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Breakfast with Santa this year on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Assisting the Santa Claus parade committee to host a full Santa Claus parade this year.

Annual toy drive which will see us provide toys for up to 1,500 children at Christmas at a value of approx. \$80,000.00.

We are currently looking at least 2 to 3 new members joining this month. We are working to restart our softball league for 2023.

### **Forest Park Optimist Club**

June 4<sup>th</sup> in person trivia night had 70 people participate

June 14 volunteered at Cambridge Public School supervising over 300 students on bouncy castles followed by serving food to over 450 families and students. Also hosted a NOW event

June 24, awarded the Lise Bramall citizenship award after our past Secretary Treasurer to a grade 6 student

We continue to work with the Cambridge Public school on events

Assisted with the Cornwall Optimist RibFest July 21-24 and with the Maxville Highland Games, July 30

3 members attending Convention, making donations to the community service project and donating a basket for the silent auction. Also placed an ad in the convention book recognizing our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mini-putt tournament for 50 children 6 – 12, years of age on August 20

Hosting a Zone 10 BBQ August 27 to encourage inter-club visiting and to meet the incoming Governor Al Fourney and the new LG Bonnie Porteous both from our club.

Hope of starting a kids speak out program and a JOI club for grades 4 -6.

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60% of our membership has made donations to the CCOF dime-a day. We awarded Brian Bramall with the Christian D Larson award in memory of his wife Lise. Bonnie and Tony continue to attend events hosted by the Nepean club. In September we will be making a donation to CCOF on behalf of member Lynn Menard for her contributions to our club.

Tony and Bonnie will also attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Orangeville Club on September 17, 2022.

### **Lancaster Optimist Club**

No reports at this time.

### **Nepean Optimist Club**

No reports at this time.

### **Spencerville and District Optimist Club**

June

- Student Bursary given out to local High School student
- Members participated in InterClub to Lancaster
- Spaghetti dinner
- Soap Box Derby

Summer

- We sponsored a 1/4 page ad in the convention program
- 8 members attending convention and participating in community project
- Fall kick off potluck picnic coming up Aug 24 th

September

- Upgrades to our Outdoor rink - replacing rink boards that are in need of attention

Looking Ahead

- Oct 15 is our car rally out of Kemptville.. contact us if you would like to join in
- Oct 22 is our Hoedown
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> will feature our big auction and dinner
- Late November Apple Pie sale