

CENON – 2nd Quarter Zone Reports

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

- No report submitted at this time.

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

Ancaster -Sponsored 50 (grade 6) students to attend the High Flight program learning properties of Air & Flight.

- January planning for the upcoming summer fundraising season.

Battlefield -Sold 222 fir Christmas trees over 2 weeks. Some of the tree profits were given to the Stony Creek Santa Claus parade and Battlefield Park for the use of the park for the tree sales.

- Contributed \$1,000 to the Stoney Creek Food Bank and that amount doubled by the Winona men's club.

- Lt Gov Don will be doing SWOT analysis Feb 15th meeting

- Pancake breakfast will be done for the Erland Museum in Mar or Apr.

Dunnville -Cinnabon fundraiser – Holiday Bazaar – Holiday Auction

- Christmas social celebrated with volunteers for the year.

- Inducted 2 new members

- Had a workday to spruce up the hall. -Did 2/5/10 year planning for building

- Feb 20th family day with activities for families.

- Blanket exercise (to build understanding of the indigenous history).

- Lt Gov Don will do SWOT analysis in March. -Planning 'wow' program.

- 'Home Alone' Safety program planned for the community

- Planning Oratorical and Essay competitions

Haldimand -Philanthropy account is set, looking for opportunities to share.

- Year and financial reports were submitted and in excellent Financial condition.

- Annual toll bucket Drive in Cayuga was a success.

- Actively seeking out ways to increase membership.

- Will be hosting 3rd quarter breakfast at the Dunnville hall Apr. 22nd.

Hamilton East. -Three new members signed up.

- Annual Christmas tree lot sold 300 trees. Donations went to jump start.

- Will be concentrating on getting the Optimist name into the public's consciousness again.

Looking for opportunities to work with other community organizations and younger healthier members.

Hamilton Inc. -Held WOW program with Christmas card making, which brought on 2 new members. -Lt Gov Don inducted Board and 2 New Members

- Had Appreciation Night for 4 youths.

- Planning for the oratorical and Essay competition.

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-Monthly Bingo

Stoney Creek. -Analysing events with a 'Stop/Start/Continue' method

-Held a game tonight. -Turkey roll.

-Santa Claus parade participation and breakfast with Santa.

-Three new members in October and three new members in January.

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

- Puslinch- Are back to two meetings a month and all systems are a go. Family Day is planned for the whole community as well as a 10 team Hockey Tournament We are sponsoring the Mid Western Ontario – Empowerment Day in May of this year. Having an Oratorical Competition. And our scholarship awards.
- Strabane – Back to live meetings. Planning on participating in Essay contest. Had a Community Evening on Feb 3. Dinner and games night for everyone.
- Oakville – Have combined the Oakville and Burlington JOI clubs. JOI club members are making Milk Bag Mats for the homeless. Oakville has signed 6 new members this year.
- Carlisle – Having their regular Saturday morning meetings. Working on some of their regular annual projects. Very active in the Community.
- Etobicoke – Are participating in both Oratorical and Essay competition.
- Greenville – Held a Robbie Burns night on Jan 28.

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

We had our second in person Zone meeting hosted by the Keswick Club. Guest speaker was one of our founding JOI club members who has been a past president, past secretary, and past LG with CENON JOI to talk about how being part of a Junior Club has benefited her. We raised \$150 for the CCOF playing Bingo.

All clubs were busy over the holiday season hosting breakfasts with Santa, taking part in town parades, and collecting toys to be distributed in their communities.

Clubs are focused on the upcoming Essay and Oratorical contest, hosting chess tournaments for local schools and of course membership growth.

The Aurora Club sold their coupon restaurant book and made \$3000.00.

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The Keswick Club provided toys and gifts to 658 youth from 307 families. The Keswick Junior Optimist Club has been busy rebuilding and are at 22 members. For Christmas the JOI club hosted Santa on the Beach for families to meet Santa and take a free photo.

The Newmarket Club had 138 people enjoy their annual Breakfast with Santa event with their focus on providing the experience Free to clients of the food pantry.

Zone 5 is planning a night out and Fundraiser for the CCOF on May 25th at The Curtain Club in Richmond Hill with members seeing the play Jonas and Barry in the home. It will be a fun night out!

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

Zone 6 is showing a net of plus 11 in membership. Orangeville Optimist of Zone 6 will be hosting a Zone meeting February 15th, 2023.

Optimist Club of Caledon - Not much has happen yet this Quarter but we have begun work on the Essay and Oratorical competitions as well as getting in touch with our Elementary Schools about revisiting our Kids Speak Out and Youth Appreciation evenings. The club has one new member to be added.

Optimist Club of Erin – Nothing much to report
having in person meetings
trying to get new members, possible essay and oratorical contest in the works
maybe a youth appreciation awards night,

Halton Hills Optimist Club – They had a productive and fun holiday season. They ran their Christmas Tree Sales, their Santa Calling Program and their Breakfast with Santa. They have started up Hall Bingo again (after not running in the last couple of years) which will be an important source of revenue going forward for the club, as it was before the start of the pandemic.

They have experienced some success in advocating to our municipality along with other service clubs to make it easier for service clubs to work with the town. This will be important for the longevity of some of our programs, including our Cross Country Run next fall.

They have received a Trillium Grant for the first phase of making their hall accessible – installing a new door, ramp and set of stairs. We expect the project to be complete in the spring.

This month we are holding a Chili Cook Off for our Dinner Meeting. They also welcomed 2 new members, Pat & Gloria Collins.

Optimist Club of Orangeville –
Membership

The club has focused on membership this year and has recruited 6 new members and two new members will be inducted this month. The club currently has 35 members.

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Christmas in the Park

The club just wrapped up it's 30th Anniversary of Christmas in the Park. We had a very successful event with over 17,000 visitors over the month of December. Fundraising via corporate sponsorships was also very successful with over 30,000 raised.

Christmas Student Gift Card Program

The Club partnered with the Orangeville and District High School Leadership students and provided gift cards to students in need over the holiday season. The program raised over 5,000 dollars. The club provided a donation and individual members over \$1,000.

Christmas Food Drive

The club donated over 100 pounds of food for the local Food Bank during a December meeting.

SWOT Analysis

The club will be conducting a SWOT analysis at its 1st March Dinner meeting. Several of our members have been involved with numerous SWOT analyses, and they will be leading the event.

Orangeville Food Bank Fundraiser

The club will be participating as a team in the Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) fundraiser on the 25th February 2023. This is a great team-building event for the club and member participation is high. We are currently the number #1one Optimist Club in Canada.

Essay Contest

The club is holding an essay contest and has reached out to the local High School for entries.

Empowerment Week

The club is participating again this year with financial support for Empowerment week. Four members of the club will be attending the 21st February Dinner/Presentation hosted by the Elora Public School.

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

Optimist Club of Bolton – The club has been on hold since President Ed Lucy has been recovering from heart surgery. President Ed has informed me that he just has not the ability to run the club any longer and is thinking of closing down the club.

Zone 7 (Barrie, Collingwood-Evening)

Collingwood Club continues to thrive with new members on the horizon and all of the regular fundraisers, such as the mother of all garage sales, and the fishing derby well under way.

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The garage sale is anticipated to net the club \$35,000.00 to \$38,000.00 again this year. They just completed a project with high school students and therapy horses. Their new president is extremely enthusiastic

Barrie club is continuing on with a limited number of members active and even fewer for their major fundraiser Bingo.

Zone 8 (Oshawa, Uxbridge, Brooklin)

Uxbridge – has been cleaning up their roster and removing members whom have left and adding on members who have been involved for a while.

Oshawa – Breakfast Program, Held a Christmas Breakfast, Will be taking part in Maple Syrup Festival as volunteers, hosting an Easter Egg Hunt and looking to start a social night for adults on the spectrum.

Brooklin – have returned to regular meetings, hosting Youth Dances, they are at a net +8 currently in membership, and will be running an essay and oratorical contest.

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

Lindsay: No updates at this time.

Trent: Just approved for funding from the Students Union, unfortunately their new bank account was closed due to inactivity, and they are looking to connect with Oshawa to do joint events.

Ennismore: Returning to full operations, weekly euchere, sports registration, holding a wildlife dinner and auction.

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

Coming Soon