



Central Ontario District Executive Committee

Purpose of Meeting:	Central Ontario District Executive Committee Minutes		
Date:	February 14, 2014	Location:	Toronto Room
Time:	7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Prepared by:	Denise Nacev

Participants:			
Head Table:	Governor Ted Simmonds, Secretary-Treasurer Denise Nacev, OI VP Harry Margo, Past Governor Gord Holly, Governor Elect Sandra Stokes		
Voting Members In Attendance:	Ted Simmonds Governor Mac Rumble Zone 5 LG Annette Cowan Zone 8 LG Denise Nacev S/T Past Governor Gord Holly	Susan Lynge Zone 4 LG Toosje Asselbergs Zone 6 LG Brian Wick Zone 8 LG Governor Elect Sandra Stokes	
In Attendance:	P.G. George Clarke Barrie Barb Holly, Etobicoke P OI VP Alex Ansell, Aurora Darlene Squibb, Barrie Lynne Twocock, Garden City Don MacDonald, Oakville Maidy Keir, S/T MWO Howard Bentley, COLS Michelle Stokes, Leadership Dev Past OI VP Mac McDonald, Historian Janet Lewis, COLS	Jean Clarke Barrie P.G. Tom McNaught, CCOF Chair Lauralee Reily, A&A Chair P.G Terry Twocock, Essay P.G. Jim Lynge, Finance P.G. Adrian Maes, Orangeville Karen Scott, Governor MWO Barry Stokes, Ancaster P.G. Brenda McDonald, Historian Susan Montgomery, Oratorical	

Next Meeting:	Date:	May 2, 2014	Time:	7:30 p.m.
Location:	Holiday Inn and Convention Centre, Burlington, Ontario			

Governor Ted welcomed everyone to Toronto

Governor Elect Sandra opened the meeting with an Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Gord Holly, Past Governor 2nd by: Mac Rumble LG Zone 5
Carried

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes August 16, 2013

Moved by: Susan Lynge, LG Zone 4 2nd by: Mac Rumble LG Zone 5
Carried

Approval of First Quarter Financial Statements

**Moved by: Susan Lynge LG Zone 4 2nd by: Sandra Stokes, Governor Elect
Carried**

Approval of 2012-2013 Audit Report – Past Governor Jim Lynge

**Moved by: Gord Holly, Past Governor 2nd by: Susan Lynge LG Zone 4
Carried**

Zone Reports:

Zone Reports were presented by and some highlights include:

- Zone 1 – Robbie Davidson sent regrets with a report: **Garden City** – have a musical comedy fundraiser planned on March 28th in conjunction with St. Catharines. They will be holding a Youth Appreciation and Respect for Law. **Grantham** – have already signed up 70 kids for softball. 60th Anniversary plans are in the works for December 2014. They donated \$25,000 towards the Children’s floor of the new hospital. They are planning to charter their youth club within the next few months. **Niagara Falls** – is busy building their new clubhouse. They have one prospective new member. **Port Colborne** – held a NOW meeting in October and as a result have gained 3 new members. They are planning their Girls Night out for April 10th. They donated \$1,000 to a struggling breakfast program. **St. Catharines** – They are planning Respect for Law and Aaron Melko Bike Rodeo. They will be holding their fundraiser at the NET Campground on July 26th. They set up a BBQ, penny raffles and a live band. **Welland** – They have an annual auction on April 12th. They are planning Respect for Law. They have a Golf Tournament on May 26th at Whisky Run Golf Club.
- Zone 2 – Dave Matson sent his regrets with a report: **Dunnville** – is coming along with renovations, they found an architect to help for free. Zone is at +12, East Hamilton +6, Stoney Creek +4 and Ancaster +3
- Zone 3 – Steve Gardonyi sent his regrets – all clubs are active and working hard, zone is currently -13
- Zone 4 – Susan Lynge: **Etobicoke** – made donations to Angel Hugs, Runnymede Robotics, Thistletown Collegiate Culinary Program. **Mosaic** – volunteering with the March of Dimes. Selling Wonderland tickets as a fundraiser. **Scarborough** – will be closing in the summer, some members will be transferring to other clubs. **Rouge Valley** – Bring popcorn, candy floss and snowcones events.
- Zone 5 Mac Rumble: **Richmond Hill** – won the Mayor’s Award in the Santa Clause Parade. Collaborated with Newmarket to bring 100 Christmas craft kits for kids with cancer at the pediatric centre at Southlake. York District School Board wrote an article thanking them for saving the aquatics program at Vaughan SS for the kids there with Autism and Development Delays. Biggest partner with York Region Police in Community Safety Net campaign with 300 kids sponsored. **Aurora** – New Fundraiser Beer Tasting Event on April 4th with the micro breweries invited to show off their products at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Donated to Olympian Derek Livingston for his expenses in Sochi. **Keswick** – Inducted 1 new member. They assisted the Food bank in handing out 260 food and toys hampers and made a donation to the Georgina Firefighter's Toy Drive. They were given the Service Club Volunteer Award of Merit from the Town of Georgina. Participating in Bowl for Big Brother/Big Sister, hosting a Chess Tournament. **Newmarket** – Received Hoedown money as well as 100 commemorative 25th anniversary books to sell as an additional fundraiser. Donation of Children's books to Southlake Pediatric Oncology Unit and to Children's Art Program for Hospice. June 21st Poker Run

- Zone 6 Toosje Asselbergs: **Orangeville** – One member inducted in January, NOW meeting March 5th. New fundraising efforts will focus on corporate sponsorship. Christmas in the Park had 22,000 people go through it. Maple Syrup Festival is March 29th and 30th at Island Lake. **Erin** – got a helping hand from the Erin High School Rugby team at the Fall Fair food booth. Had a booth selling popcorn at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. April Youth Appreciation, June 10th hosting zone meeting **Caledon**- upcoming fundraiser called Jake's Women they get \$10 per person for selling tickets. Family Day participating in Snowfest. Donated to Humberview 1st Robotics Club.
- Zone 7 Tim Clarke: **Collingwood** – has an upcoming Harbour Hockey Classic 4 on 4 on Feb 22 with proceeds going to Collingwood Hospital Foundation. Hosting the Optimist Club of Barrie for an inter club visit. **Parry Sound** – had a successful Breakfast with Santa and 25th Santa Claus Parade. **Barrie** – will host a Chess tournament on April 2nd. They have committed \$25,000 for playground equipment for the City Waterfront. They continue to be involved with the new club building efforts in Wasaga Beach
- Zone 8 – Annette Cowan: **Brooklin** – JOOI club is up and running with 8 high school students. They are fired up to attend the International Convention in California in July. New this year Brooklin Mini Idol, for singers under the age of 12. The Mayor of Whitby recognized the club as one of the major sponsors or the performing arts. **Snowboard** – support athletes competing in snowboard competitions. They are auctioning off a jersey from Jake Holden (an athlete from the Lake Louise World Cup), also selling equipment on their web page. **Ajax** – renewing the Kids Safety Village of Durham Region. They participated in Winterfest where they served 900 cups of hot chocolate. **Oshawa** – just finished food hampers with the Salvation Army. They sponsored 3 schools with hats and mitts. **Uxbridge** – Added 4 new members. The 6th annual Optimist Fantasy of lights had 8,000 people attend.
- Zone 9 – Brian Wick: **Ennismore** – Upcoming events: Polar Fest Free Horse Sleigh Rides, Fundraising Dinner on April 26th with a Wild game menu, Soap Box Derby. **Lindsay** – currently at 55 members and meet for breakfast at 7 am, sold 650 Christmas Trees, have 650-700 kids registered in youth soccer program. They run a free referee clinic and hire high school students. **Douro** – possible fundraiser of trip ticket sales.

Candidates Qualifications – Gord Holly

- committee purpose to encourage, qualify and nominate leaders, the committee consists of: Governor Elect Sandra, Past Governor Gord Holly, Past Governor Anne Donkers
- they are not the only one looking for candidates, any names of individuals be passed to a member of the committee for them to follow up and talk to those individuals to encourage and to explain the position they are being brought forward for.
- Gord and Sandra will be accepting any names this weekend and would welcome to talk to anyone who is interested in any of these positions.
- No potential candidates for Governor Elect, it is the time of year for clubs to be talking to members who are potential candidate for LG, need to encourage individuals to help us grow and to help them reach their full potential.
- Please refer any recommendations for Governor Elect to Gord, Sandra and Anne

International Convention – Barb Holly

- July 10 – 12 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada at Ceasars Palace Hotel in the Palace Tower.
- Workshops will be held on July 10th and 11th.
- Early Bird registration May 1st. Pre registration May 31st.
- 2 members have registered so far Tom and Carilyn McNaught.
- We go together with SWONT in a hospitality room with a cost of \$800/night. We will ask the clubs for donations towards the room.

Request that the Finance Committee review financials and come back to the Board of Directors with a dollar amount that the district can put towards the Hospitality Room at International Convention

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Introduction and Remarks from Optimist International Vice President Harry Margo

Other Business

- Childhood Cancer Challenge, Ted has a Candy Statue that has lost her sports, for every \$20 donated to the Childhood Cancer campaign a spot will be added to Candy. Every giraffe has 200 sports which would mean \$4000.
- Clubs are challenged to collect stuffed giraffes and bring them to Peterborough, the clubs would then take the giraffes to the children's ward in the hospital in their home area.
- Every new member sponsor will get an MO pin from International President Ron...let's get recruiting.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be May 2, 7:30 pm Holiday Inn and Convention Centre, Burlington, Ontario.

Adjourned at 9:20 pm with the Optimist Creed.