

Summer 2016

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Well done!

May has come and gone and once again our club has pulled through with great results! Our clubs major fundraisers run throughout April and May with our Opti-poop Campaign, Mother's Day Brunch and our Fry Trailer during Victoria Day. Thanks to **Jon Underhill** and **Mark Schwartzentruber** who chair the Opti-poop Campaign and to **Rick Berry, Mark Cameron and Rob Puschelberg** who chaired the Victoria Day Fry Trailer event. Add in various other Victoria Day events that our members volunteer towards and it's a very busy time.

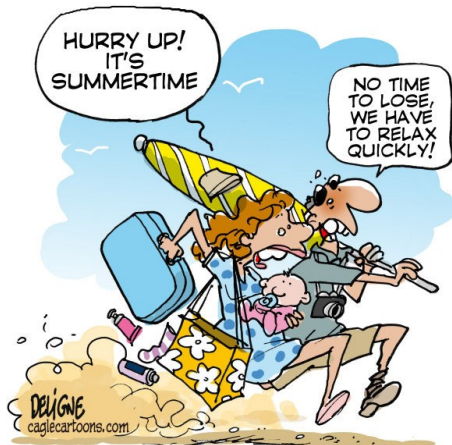
Thanks to all the members who offered their help to make these events a great success. Your efforts are appreciated and they have helped us refresh our clubs funds so that we may continue to support the youth of our community through the many events we host or fund.

We must also thank our friends from the Petersburg Club who offered up some of their members to help out with our Mother's Day Brunch. In exchange **Optimists Jon and Deb Underhill, Lisa and Paul Demaline** and yours truly volunteered to help our fellow Optimists with their Father's Day Brunch.

We followed this up with our annual Bike Rodeo. Thanks to **Chris Martin-Root and Martin Kokkelink** for organizing this fun kids event.

Now takes some time to enjoy the summer weather with your family and friends!

In Optimism,
President Joe



June & Summer Events

Board Highlights

- ◇ We approved \$250 to support the New Dundee Beautification Committee.
- ◇ We also approved \$250 to support the New Dundee Girl Guide's as they travel to the annual Girl Guide Mosaic, this year being held in Calgary.

Coming Events

Tuesday June 28th 7:00 pm

The President's BBQ will be held at **Lisa and Paul Demaline's** home at 35 Alderside Drive. As usual it is bring your own meat to BBQ and a dessert or savory dish to share. Different from prior years is that it is being held on a weeknight rather than on Saturday. Please email Joe Paul by Friday June 24th with your RSVP at the4pauls@golden.net



Tuesday September 5th will be our third annual **Soap**

Box Derby. This annual event is a fun filled day for the youngers of New Dundee and surrounding area. Be sure to register, now, with either **Mark Cameron** at markcol@sympatico.ca or **Mark Hammer** at hammerdundee@yahoo.ca



More Blood Donors Needed to Keep Up with Demand

By Helen Lammers-Helps

Every minute of every day someone in Canada needs blood. It can take as many as 50 donors to save someone who's been injured in a car crash, 5 donors to help someone in cancer treatment and 5 donors for someone undergoing heart surgery.

More than half of Canadians say they, or a family member, has needed blood or blood products. Yet only 4% of those who are eligible to donate actually do so.

Canadian Blood Services has set a target of collecting 200,000 blood donations by Canada Day in order to meet summer demand. So far another 70,000 donations are needed to meet that goal.

While all blood types are needed, if you are O-negative, there is an even greater need for your blood type which is the universal donor. "When seconds count, someone's life is on the line, and there is no time to check blood type, patients are given O-negative," according to Canadian Blood Services. O-negative is the only blood type that is compatible with all others and is used for the most critical situations.

There are several opportunities to donate blood this summer. There are clinics in Baden, Ayr and New Hamburg as well as a permanent clinic in Waterloo which operates six days a week.

Upcoming Clinics:

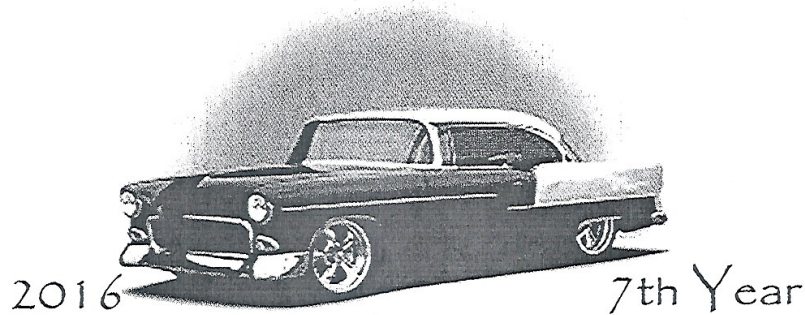
Baden – June 27 & Aug 29

Ayr – July 14 (this clinic is in honour of Krista Kuntz who passed away in 2002)

New Hamburg – July 18

The New Dundee Optimist Club has pledged 40 blood donations in 2016. We are currently at 13 donations. Please book an appointment by calling 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283) or go to www.blood.ca.

Remember to use our Partners for Life number NEWD360457. Anyone donating blood anywhere in Canada (except Quebec) may use this number so please encourage friends, family and neighbours to donate!



Cruizin' at the Pond *Baden Classic Car Show*

Wednesday Evenings 5:30 - 8:30pm
From June to September
Baden Pond, Foundry St at Charles

Calling All Classic Car Admirers & Enthusiasts:
Don't miss this opportunity to take in these
Classic Car Shows, which have grown in size and
popularity over the past few years, now featuring
300+ classic cars and trucks.

For more information or to participate in either event please
contact hosts Rockin' Ronnie & Marlene Weber at 519-634-8902
or by email to ronmarweber@yahoo.ca



The Optimist Club of Petersburg will host a BBQ
Proceeds from their BBQ support many local youth
programs in our community as well as JDRF, Childhood
Cancer charities and others.

Victoria Day highlights



In conclusion to another successful year

Opti-Poop Campaign

Once again, our club came through with a great campaign. Many members came out to bag and to deliver the Opti-Poop. Due to the cooler weather our campaign did not meet its goal, however, we are pleased with the results. Thanks, once again to **Bob and Paul Bechtel** for donating the poop and to the many senior members of our club who wisely, or unwisely, used their trucks to deliver the goods.

Jon & Markie

Mother's Day Brunch

2016 saw your Optimist Club host another successful Mother's Day Brunch. This is a wonderful community event with approximately 275 guests joining us for brunch this year. While attendance numbers were down from prior years the event was still a great success as we raised \$1,914.75 of net proceeds. Thanks to **New Dundee Village Market, Main Street Bakery, Williamsburg Sobey's and P&H Milling Group**, and countless hours from **Bob Thomson**, The Village Caterer. We could not do it without you Bob! As well thanks to so many members donated baked goodies to help out the cause. Thanks to all the Wives and Mothers who allow us to spend time at the brunch on Mother's Day. We would like to thank the following individuals who selflessly gave of their time on Mother's Day including **Jon Underhill, Gord Perrin, Erik Hansen, Keith Murray, Don Poth, Ron Montgomery, Martin Kokkelink, Dave Hartwick, Stan and Mary McDougall, Rick Berry, Dave Moore, Peter Lade, Denny Mighton, Mike Scott, Mark Hammer, Robert Fiederlein, Terry Yuzwak, Paul and Lisa Demaline, Logan Demaline, and Mark Schwartzentruber**. Special thanks to our friends from the Petersburg Club who assisted us with this event.

Joe Paul

Bike Rodeo

On Saturday, June 18th the New Dundee Optimist Club held their annual Bike Rodeo at the Community Centre. Fourteen children participated in the event with included a multitude of biking stations that were designed to challenged the kids, highlighting the importance bike control and safety. **Wheels on Peel Cycle & Sport** from New Hamburg volunteered their time and set up an inspection station to review each child's bike to make sure it was mechanically safe. At the end of the event, a draw was held and every child who participated received a prize. Two gift certificates from **Wheels on Peel** were given out as part of our Grand Prize draw. One recipient of the gift certificate was **Tyler Kokkelink** and the other was **Spencer Fung**. I want to thank Optimist **Martin Kokkelink** and the parent volunteers for helping make this important event possible for our community

Chris Martin-Root

May 2-4 Events

After months of planning and many hours of hard work, the town of New Dundee celebrated Victoria Day in style. Set up in the park takes place on Sunday afternoon in preparation for Monday's event. .

The Victoria Day Committee, chaired by **Gord Perrin**, is made up of the three service clubs – the Board of Trade, Women's Institute and New Dundee Optimist Club and several sub committees. They work side by side with the Fireworks Committee chaired by **Jen Tate**.

SILENT AUCTION - **Joan Good**, chair, said that the day went well but she could not do this without her dedicated volunteers each year. **Pat Mighton, Paul Weber, Patricia Geiger and Sherwood Hagey** help man the tables. **Lynn Sararus** supplies the tent for cover and **Marilyn Sararus** picks up many of the donations for the auction. Gifts and services are donated by **Baltaz Esso, Coleman Equipment, Colour Paradise, Connect Equipment, Imagine Travel, Jan Cressman-Weiss, Little Gallery, Maple Tap Farms, Marion Anderson, McFarlane Automotive, Meadow Acres, New Dundee Emporium, Robert Kline, Scissors, Total Town & Country, the Fireworks Committee, Women's Institute and the Optimist Club**.

VENDOR FLEA MARKET – **Marilyn Sararus** and **Lisa Demaline** worked together with Lisa looking after pre-registration of the over 40 vendors, covering 50 spaces, this year.. A special thank you to the crew who comes out on Sunday to set up all of the tables for the market; **Ryan and Elroy Good, Lynn Sararus, Drew Weinacht and Jon Underhill**.

ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOW – This year over 100 cars participated including a very rare Brickland. This car was built in Nova Scotia in the 80's. Not many were made as it did not sell well and the company went bankrupt. They are worth a lot more today.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – **Karen Weber** and her committee had a very successful day selling homemade pie and ice cream. They started with around 80 pies selling them by the slice.

BOARD OF TRADE – President **John Scott** reported that they sold out of everything. A big thank you to the group from the township who moved all of the heavy picnic tables out and back for them.

OPTIMISTS FRY TRAILER – President Joe Paul said they were always busy selling out of poutine and freezies. The Optimist club also sold pulled pork on a bun. Many optimists were there to help chair **Rick Berry** throughout the day along with youth volunteers. A special thank you goes to **Erik Hansen, Ron Montgomery and Steve McDonald for going above and beyond**.

PARADE – A great event. **Joan Good**, who has for many years served on the parade committee, is hoping that more children will participate in the future. "The parade is for them." Some might not realize that a substantial prize fund is budgeted to give out to the kids entering the parade in several different categories. Thank you to **Mark Schwartzentruber** for acting as chair and to **Grant and Heather Poll and Elroy Good** for all your help.

ENTERTAINMENT – There was lots for the kids to do. **Gateway Children's Village** set up bouncy castles and at the end of the day give 20% of the proceeds back to the Victoria Day Committees. **Zoe the Clown** came to entertain the kids. Gemstone Entertainment (**Rob and Terry Puschelberg**) provided music from the band shell and. **The Waterloo Region Record** worked as a community partner with New Dundee providing free of charge a large ad announcing the event in exchange for setting up a face painting booth where all proceeds were going to the send kids to camp program. .

FIRE WORKS COMMITTEE – An amazing show. The committee works very hard to raise the money to be able to afford to have such an awesome show. The event relies heavily on donations through door raise to door canvas, walk around collection buckets, our novelty sales and both morning and evening food sales. Feedback and help is always welcome. A portion of the proceeds go to the Children's Wish Foundation.

VICTORIA DAY COMMITTEE – "It was a great day, great weather and huge crowds. Not mentioned above is the behind the scenes crew. A special thank you goes to Optimist **Mark Cameron** and his team and to **Don Poth, David Hartwick, Robert Fiederlein, Tony Toth**, the youth volunteers from the township and **Jim Einwechter** for the use of his land year after year as a parking lot.

Optibotics 2016-2017

Dear Families,

I'm happy to say we have support from the Optimist Club of New Dundee to run our second season of Optibotics!

I'm so proud of what the children accomplished last year, and know they will grow even more by being roll-models in this second season. Please accept this invitation to enroll as a returning member before enrollment opens to the broader community.

Following are some details about the 2016/17 season:

The theme is Creature Craze (<http://www.juniorfirstlegoleague.org/2016-creature-craze-challenge>)

Sundays 1:00 – 2:30pm at the New Dundee Community Center

- ⇒ 18 students aged 6 to 9 come September 1st. (Grade 1 to 3) Preference to returning families and their siblings.
- ⇒ Open enrollment starts July 1st at 7:00am via <http://jrfl.ensilon.com>
- ⇒ 12-weeks September 11th to December 4th
- ⇒ Expo in December at Conestoga
- ⇒ Expo in Jan or Feb at New Dundee Branch Library
- ⇒ There will be occasional homework, as there was last year

\$50 fee per student, plus occasional optional costs (t-shirts, field trips, snack contribution for Expo, etc.). Please remember this is a non-profit club, and budget is available any time through myself or the Optimists.

Student fundraising will not be for the club this year (budget is balanced!). They will fundraise (target \$10) to buy their own gift for our new **Robots Have Hearts** program: Together we will earn, wrap and donate a Christmas gifts for **Wilmot Family Resource Center**.

We hope you can join us again. Please kindly let us know by Friday June 24th, and \$50 enrollment fee is due by August 1st through email money transfer to jounce@ensilon.com .

Thank you and we look forward to a fun season ahead!

Karen & Martin