

Subject: Zone 2 2nd Qtr Rpt

Secretary District 13 Optimist International Don Morrison:

Report from Zone 2, Ted Huber, Lt. Governor

The Breakfast Optimist Club of Bozeman, MT has it's 41st annual Garagarama in full swing. Scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd we have a vehicle donated to be auctioned off, a silent auction and booths galore for rent. We anticipate a very successful year. Our club membership dropped two and gained one in the past quarter and we are working hard to increase the membership to make up for the loss. In the forefront is an handicap fishing ramp at the Bkfst Optimist Bozeman Pond Park. Efforts are underway working with the Bozeman City Commission, Departments of Parks and Recreation and the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks to garner approval and finances for the project.

No report at this time from the Cody, Wyo. club

No report at this time from the Noon Optimist Club of Bozeman.

See you in Moose Jaw - unless we get a blizzard!!!

Subject: Zone 3 Report -- General Session

Zone 3 Second Quarter Report February 2008

For General Session:

Piper Creek Red Deer

President Glen Cunningham reports that the club is now arranging their Rally for Youth which will be a revamp of their Relay for Youth. It will involve a relay, volleyball, food festival, Arts and Entertainment, children's carnival and supper. Expectations are for \$35,000 - \$40,000 profit. Their last fundraiser was their Ladies Gala in October and it was a s great success.

Blackfalds

October was a Corn Maze event, November garage sale and bowling, December bartending for the Town office Christmas party and then the club's potluck dinner and gift exchange, February will feature the club family fun night and bartending for Ducks Unlimited. This club is always active with an event or fundraiser. President John McCrimmon is busy.

Red Deer

Creating a new major fundraiser, supporting Oratorical and Essay, fulfilling the budget donation commitment of \$71,000, club promotion, continuing the bike program and encouraging PGI are key activities for President Les Trevor. They are busy and have a strong nucleus of active members.

Hobbema

Maskwachees now has approval under the Societies Act and can actively fundraise in several ways that will be very successful in their area. They donated money to four elementary schools for their libraries and in December made and delivered eight large Christmas food hampers.

President Tracy Larocque and the club is moving forward and will help many kids in the community.

Lacombe

Though membership is small the commitment is large and President John Martin says the club will continue to work towards a skateboard park and other community involvement. John is recovering in the hospital and sends his greetings to you.

Red Deer Futures

I am pleased to announce that a new young club has been chartered this week. The Optimist Futures Club of Red Deer with Charter President Sheena Sim, twenty-five excited charter members, proud sponsors Norm Cooper and James Hornett, the Red Deer Optimst Club as club sponsor and the great work of Gary Cross.

Darryl Sim
Lieutenant Governor
Zone 3

Subject: Zone 4 Report

Zone 4 Report

Magic City Optimist

Oritorical contest in the works. Two essay's submitted to the district. Just say No club at Meadowlark school a big success. Membership contest to be held March 25th to April 29th. Ending party to be held at Lyle Hill's house at Huntley one Friday in May. Starting to work on the big Shoot for Youth golf tournament coming up in July. Pres. Lyle still plans on being +25 by Sept. 30th.

Big Sky Optimist

February Flea Market was a big success and all members participated. Strong support of Boys and Girls club with youth of the month. The winning youth receives a gift card and a plaque. Essay's and Oritorical contest are planned. Herberger's community day in March. Club members also work at the store. Also leads on some new members who stopped in at the flea market.

Riverside Optimist

Just say No clubs are alive and well. Club is running an Essay and Oritorical contests. Working on adding some younger members. May be looking to do a N O W dinner. Still doing work at the friendship House.

Breakfast Optimist

Pres. Shirley says club is alive and well. Membership is down but, they plan on being plus by the end of Sept. Looking to add some new members and a N O W dinner may be in the works. Soar program going well in all the middle schools. Club also plans an Oritorical contest.

Youth Sports Club

Only met 3 times so far this year. Working on youth baseball in Joliet. Pres. Brandi, say's club will be doing an Oritorical contest. Brandi, says club will be looking for some new members.

Heights Business Optimists

Membership down but, club is fairly active. Some fund raising activities are planned. Looking to do an Oritorical contest.

Roundup Optimist

Very busy little club. Doing a chocolate night on Monday Feb. 18th This goes along with Valentine's Day. All the chocolate you can eat.

Looking to add some new members. May be looking at doing an Oritorical contest

Planning a zone meeting with zone2 after we get back from Moose Jaw.

Respectfully submitted

Mitch Pettit

LG Zone 4

Subject: zone 5 report

As previously conveyed to Governor Norm, my apologies for being unable to attend this meeting.

Club Reports

Edmonton Beverly-- Continues to look at ways to expand Knowledge of and interest in their club. A new brochure has been developed and is being prepared for distribution to the places they associate with, and throughout community. Continuing with poppy fund, and school scholarships. Have initiated a new sponsorship with Glenrose rehab hospital to assist children to return home after surgery. Involved with ST. Bernadettes pancake breakfast. Will be receiving essays from the Triple A hockey club (who now wear our logo on Beverly club sponsored uniforms) and will be judging and turning winning essays to zone essay coordinator Lee.

Edmonton Dinner club--Active with usual projects, Bingos, ABC, scouts, bicycle safety. Regular meetings held, with presentations at meetings from community groups such as schizophrenia society. Assisted Strathcona seniors with casino, will be doing Brail tones casino as well. Have added one new member, deleted some inactive members. 2 of our members have passed away this winter (one of those also was a member of Brail tones, as listed below.)

Edmonton Brail tones -- communications group still meet regularly every Saturday morning, three quarters are blind, some are brain injured or mentally challenged. Meetings help them learn to speak. Choir meets after communications, some of the communications members are also in the choir. Concert held in November, which Governor Norm and Liz Sagen were able to attend. Choir will perform at a special event at the downtown library for White Cane week. Actively seeking new members, especially to increase choir. Facilitator Ayme passed away in January

Edmonton Klondike--my discussions with Terry are brief, to say the least. He has not come out to any zone meeting, and when I called him to ask if he had anything that I could include in my report he abruptly said "no, I dont" and hung up the phone. Meetings are sporadic, I have not been to one, and am not quite sure how to go about getting to one, as he is not forthcoming with information or courtesy. I have asked on previous phone calls how the club is doing, and asked if there is anything that we (district) can do to help, and he says "no, there are internal problems, we have to iron them out ourselves. (click)"

Leduc black gold currently has 10 members. Planning special needs rodeo, Working and participating on Leduc Jr. High Super Grad. Prize at Super grad to include night out at Outback Steakhouse. Work with Edmonton Dinner on ABC and Bike safety.

St Albert--will have Casino march 27 - 28. Working on essay and oratorical contest entries, contributing to birthing rooms at sturgeon hospital, through capital health, 10 members will be attending the Gala.

St Albert Breakfast-- Kub Kar rally with the scouts group Feb 9 was a huge success. This club also donated \$500 to the food bank for this event. A letter of thanks from the Group commissioner responsible for the event made specific mention of the club for its donations, and TV media was at the scene for the event. They will be hosting their annual wine tasting March 15, everyone is welcome to taste, or to submit their favorite wine. A donation of \$2000 was made to the Ronald Harvey School Playground. Their casino will be held May 4 - 5. The 20th anniversary of this club is upcoming this spring, anniversary celebrations will likely be held in October.

Sherwood park--Continue to meet, meeting have been changed to Sunday morning at Roadking to see if that will work to get members our more regularly. Supported Istar, and the woman's shelter.

Respectively submitted, Marion Loewen

Zone 6 is doing well, in total, because we have a new 37 member club: the Gas City Optimist Club of Medicine Hat. The other 9 clubs are close to breaking even on membership. 8 clubs are current on finances, the others are expected to catch up shortly.

The focus this year must be on increasing membership, mostly through NOW Dinners. This is expected to be the key to supporting programs, while finding new leaders and new ideas.

We have no further New Club Building opportunities identified, but still hope to add JOOI clubs.

The primary concerns identified include

- High River: generally only 1 High River resident attends meetings and there are no on-going projects other than writing of cheques. NOW banquet may be held this spring. A casino is scheduled for March, but will be operated mostly by other Optimists.
- North Calgary: Still has no leadership prepared to revive it, but has a core that won't let it die.
- Calgary Traditional: Struggling to really get going, but has great potential.

Calgary area Optimists, through the Optimist Clubs' Park Society, are having serious discussions about partnering in a million dollar expansion to an existing facility focused on youth.

2nd Quarter District Board Meeting
Zone 7 Report

Hub City

- Christmas decoration installation/teardown @ Midtown Plaza
- Programs @ Blades games
- Annual ladies night March 15th
- Continuing with JSN program
- Will have one 1st timer this weekend
- Has added 3 new members, cut 3, so even

Bridge City

- planning a steak night
- planning a NOW for late March or early April
- has added 2 members to date

Saskatoon

- has 100% involvement from all members for Canada Day celebration
- working with Bully Busters
- no new members this year

High Noon

- working on rising Starts program
- no change in membership to date

Riverside

- hoping to get involved with oratorical/CCDHH/essay
- would like to get involved with Bully Busters
- junior ambassador Postcard Program again
- no change in membership

Prince Albert

- looking for new fundraisers and projects to spend existing funds
- has added one member
- would like to sponsor JOOI club

Lloydminster

- antique show coming up for fundraiser
- planning annual Kid's Day
- will probably be cutting two members

Subject: Zone 9 Report

ZONE 8 REPORT

To 2nd Quarter Report to AMS & NW District Meeting - Moose Jaw SK

Arcola #13-003 - Glen Lawson (President):

- January 2008 Snowmobile Rally was a great success: about 300 riders netting over \$25000
- Club is planning for 25th Anniversary, likely to be scheduled in April 2008
- Planning to recruit 1-2 new members in addition to 4 added since Oct. 1
- Club is looking at building a new club (with Optimist Club of Regina) in Estevan

Regina #13-120 - Vivianne Beamish (President):

- Club's Grey Cup pool sold out completely for 1st time and new Calendar Lottery broken even
- 9 long-service awards given including 2 - 40 year awards; also 2 honorary life memberships
- Oratorical contest will have 4 schools
- 3rd Poker Tourney held netting about \$2500
- Club will be adding 1 or 2 new members shortly

Regina - Downtowners #13-035 - Carol Lewis (President):

- Wild Game Dinner attracted 250 people but profit numbers not known yet
- Planning underway for April 11 Childhood Cancer Dinner; major fundraiser for CCC
- Band Festival is scheduled for March 10-12 and 115 bands registered to-date
- Oratorical Contest (4 schools) and Essay contest are underway
- Membership is down 7 but club expects to recruit replacements and more
- Club is looking at building a new club in either Yorkton or Weyburn

Regina - High Noon #13-069 - Robert O'Toole (President):

- With other Regina and Davidson clubs, Roughrider Football beer sales revenues were higher
- Variety Show raised a lot of money for neonatal unit at General Hospital; shopping spree
winner got \$800 worth of groceries
- Oratorical Contest has 5 schools including Cornwall Alternative School
- Added 2 members in December and already have them busy

Regina - Sundown #13-144 - Arnold Seida (President):

- '75 Corvette Classic Car raffle well underway - ticket sales are going

well

- Dec. 11 was Christmas party, involving sponsor clubs
- Assisted with Christmas Kettles for Salvation Army, adopted 2 families as part of Adopt a Family Program, and will help with Heart & Stroke Foundation canvass
- Oratorical contest is April 8 with 4 schools participating
- Membership is steady

Wilcox #13-165 - Terry O'Malley (President):

- Club is not very active so not much to report
- Membership is steady

Wolf Point #13 -176 - Donna Reum (President):

- Parade of Lights had 12 entries
- Radio-a-thon raised much needed funds for Angel Tree program
- Dropped 1 member and now down 13 since Oct. 1; club expects to add new members
- New Childhood Cancer activity is pending

Fairview #13-829 - Amy Fugate (President):

- Club is struggling and has dropped to six members; only 2 members very active
- Some members are interested in keeping club going and rebuilding

Sheridan County #13-831 - Ron Anderson (President):

- Kookies by Kilo fundraiser held
- Trying to get the school onboard for this year's oratorical contest
- Sent a congratulatory note to Valley County Charter Party
- Added 2 new members in January

Valley County #13-832 - Bob Hanson (President)

- Charter Party held Feb. 9 with Regina, Regina Downtown, and Wolf Point clubs attending; proceeds from Chicken Bingo, silent auction, and tickets sales going to needy family
- 1st weekend of Dec. saw Parade of Lights
- Will be running kids program at All Class Reunion at High School July 3-5 expecting 5000
- Looking at some alternatives for major fundraiser
- Added two members since Oct. 1 and the President has challenged members to get one each

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Anderson, Lt. Governor

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Lt. Governor, Zone 8

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