



The OptiMessenger



The Optimist Club of Calgary

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Our Club is Growing!

Annual Club Christmas Party

You can still sign-up to attend our Club Christmas party hosted by Robin Morris. It will be held on Monday, December 3, at the North Tower Manor Group - Fish Creek, 22 Shawnee Hill SW, Calgary. Those attending should bring an unwrapped gift that we will donate to Toys for Tots.

Festive Showcase

It is too late now to get early-bird tickets for this year's Festive Showcase to be held on Wednesday, November 28th at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. Tickets now will cost \$30 each.

This year, in addition to the Calgary Stetson Show Band, the Calgary Round-Up Band, the Calgary Stampede Showband and the Heebee-jeebees, we will have the Young Canadian Dancers, the Stampede Band of Outriders, and the Chestermere High School Band on the program.

If you cannot go to the concert, consider purchasing tickets for us to give to seniors at the Kerby Centre and students that cannot afford to buy tickets.

Please contact Lyle at: lylebennet@shaw.ca to order tickets.

50/50 Ticket Sellers Needed

Once again, Bob Steele will Chair our 50/50 draw at the Festive Showcase concert. He needs about 10 volunteers to sell the 50/50 tickets. Volunteers will get free tickets to the concert.

Volunteers must arrive at the Jubilee Auditorium at 6:00 PM for instructions.

Please contact Bob at: 403-252-8374 to volunteer.

Welcome our Newest Members

During the past month we have gained several new Club Members. Please join me in welcoming

- Abdulkader al Guneid
- Bill Campbell
- Lorraine Carlson
- Daniel LeVatte
- Donna Miller
- Allen Radomski
- Darla Walters.

Please welcome them at a Club meeting or event.

Essay Contest

Anica Robinson is Chair of our Club's Optimist International Essay Contest this year. The contest is open to students who are under 19 years of age on October 1, 2018. Students are required to write a 700 to 800 word essay on the topic "**When All the World's Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?**" and submit it to the Optimist Club of Calgary by January 18, 2018.

The Optimist Club of Calgary will give cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 to the three best essays. The best essay then will be forwarded to our District to compete with the best essays from of all the Optimist Clubs in AMS&NW. The writer of the winning District essay will win a \$2,500 post-secondary scholarship that is provided by the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation.

Please inform students you know about this opportunity. An entry form containing all rules and other information can be found on our Club website:

www.optimistyyc.org.

AMS&NW 2Q District Meeting

The 2nd Quarter District Meeting will be held here in Calgary, February 8-9, 2019. It is hosted by the Calgary Dinner Optimist Club. We will assist them.

Maria Giorlando, 2018 Miss Canada who is an Optimist Club President, will be the featured guest.

Friday night is a Social night. It's a chance to informally meet members from other Optimist Clubs. The theme is "Who's at the Zoo?" You are encouraged to come dressed as your favorite animal.

Saturday morning is a business meeting. You will hear about what other Clubs in the District are doing and learn about District activities. *There also will be a special workshop for New Members.*

After lunch there are several training sessions where you can learn about some Optimist programs. The workshops planned are: "Just Ask" (to become an Optimist), NOW (new member retention, mentorship, and expectations), and Learning to use the Optimist International Website.

Saturday night there is a Social Hour from 6-7 followed by the Governor's Banquet.

We encourage you to attend. For your convenience, the 2Q District Meeting Registration Form is attached to this email. The Club will reimburse the \$140 Early Registration Fee for Members that attend the Saturday Meeting and Workshops.



Canadian Children's
Optimist Foundation

Founded in 1988, the mission of Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation is to seek, receive and manage funds, real and personal property, and to hold and administer such property exclusively to support Optimist International and its Member Clubs in Canada promoting and encouraging Canadian youth.

Our District is heavily involved in the CCOF. The President of the CCOF is Vince Parker from the Prince Albert Optimist Club. The President-Elect is Rod McKendrick from the Regina Downtowners Optimist Club. The AMS&NW District Foundation Rep is Tim Bell from the Airdrie Optimist Club and our Club Foundation Rep is Duane Kelly.

To learn more about the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation visit www.ccof-foec.org.

A Great Idea for Christmas

"MakeItMerry" is about spreading the joy of Christmas to every homeless person. They do this by providing each individual with a personal Christmas card. The purpose behind the project is to acknowledge that the homeless are real people, are valued and cared about by others. Join them in sending a bit of merry this Christmas. It's simple:

- * Purchase or hand-make a Christmas card.
- * Include a simple **handwritten** Christmas message, inspirational thought or note to let the receiver know they are cared for.
- * **Signing the card** with your first name is essential to provide a personal connection.
- * Drop off your card at one of the drop-off locations on their website or mail your Christmas card by December 10th to:

MakeItMerry
P.O. Box 96107 West Springs
Calgary, AB
T3H 0L3

Please check their website for more information:
<https://makeitmerry.ca>.

New Club Dues Structure Survey

Nothing has been done by the Board regarding changing our Club dues structure because there have not been sufficient replies to the survey sent out.

We recently sent reminders to those who didn't reply and also sent the survey to the New Members who have joined the Club since September.

If you haven't responded, please do so. This is a very important matter that must reflect the predominant view of all Members.

Up Coming Dates

- Nov 28: Festive Showcase, Jubilee Auditorium
- Dec 3: Christmas Party, North Tower-Fish Creek
- Dec 10: MakeItMerry deadline
- Dec 17: Board Meeting teleconference
- Jan 7: Club Dinner Meeting, Danish-Canadian Club
- Jan 27: Zone 6 Meeting in Calgary
- Jan 28: Board Meeting teleconference
- Feb 4: Club Dinner Meeting, Danish-Canadian Club
- Feb 8-9: 2nd Quarter District Meeting, Calgary
- Feb 25: Board Meeting teleconference