



The OptiMessenger



The Optimist Club of Calgary

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An Outstanding District Meeting!

2Q District Meeting

Upon returning home after the recent District Meeting, Pat Shorrock, our Zone 6 Lt. Governor had this to say about the meeting:

Back from Calgary and the 2nd Quarter meeting - great meeting!

This meeting was a great success - about 115 people (including companions and kids) attended - 24 first-timers. We must have set a record for attendance and first-timers. Nobody could remember seeing so many at a February District meeting!

The Friday night social was a lot of fun. A lot of Optimists dressed in animal costumes. The winner was a giraffe - great costume! Games were fun and lots of food; everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Saturday meeting went great. Governor Eric started on time and kept the meeting moving so we were even ahead of schedule most of the day; which gave us some break time!

Miss Canada, Maria Giorlando, was there all weekend and was a pleasure to meet and talk to. Even though some of us didn't get her last name right she was a doll about it.

District Secretary/Treasurer John did a great job of guiding us through some of the OI website. He made it look so easy.

Governor Eric introduced a new way for us to honor our deceased members. Instead of waiting and doing it all at once at one meeting the LG's will talk about them at each quarterly meeting. So whenever a member has passed away let me know about them - who they are and what your club remembers about them.

All I can add is, "I learned a lot at this meeting."

Optimist U18 Curling

The 2019 Curling Alberta Optimist U18 Provincial Championships will be held at the Medicine Hat Curling Club, March 14-17. This four day competition has the teams competing in a round-robin triple-knockout format.

The Championships will have 8 boys and 8 girls' teams competing. In addition to the 2 boys and 2 girl's teams from the three recent Area Qualifiers within Alberta, there will be the boy and girl teams that won the U18 Provincial Bonspiel in December and a boy and girl team from the Curling Club selected by Curling Alberta as having the best Youth Curling Program. There are over 4500 U18 curlers in Alberta.

The Optimist Clubs in Alberta are the title sponsors for this event. In recognition of this, Optimist Club banners are hung at the Championship event. The official program for the Championships has the OI logo on the front cover and the entire back cover has the OI logo and motto. Inside the Program is a message from our District Governor. In addition, every competitor at the Championships wears a patch with the OI logo on their uniform.

I hope you will be able to attend this event. It gives curling fans a glimpse at Canada's curling future. Many of the men and women curlers currently representing Canada in World and Olympic competitions played in Optimist Curling Championship events.

The boy and girl teams that win the Curling Alberta Optimist U18 Provincial Championships will go on to compete in the Canadian U18 Curling Championships at the Glen Allen Recreation Complex in Sherwood Park, Alberta, on April 2-7.

Our Next Dinner Meeting

Our next club dinner meeting will be on Monday, March 4 at the Danish-Canadian Club.

Bob Steele will host the meeting. The winner of the Club Essay Contest will present his winning essay and those attending will have a chance to discuss it with him/her.

Marilyn Bushell, President of the Calgary Dinner Optimist Club will attend the meeting and speak about our plans for the Family Fun Day at Optimist Park that will be held on Saturday, June 1.

As usual, the social time will start at 6:00 PM, dinner at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00.

Oratorical Contest

We are no longer accepting applications for the Club's Oratorical Contest. We have received 10 applications and Bob is notifying the contestants of the contest rules, venue and date.

The contest will be held in Calgary at the Fishkill Library in Calgary on Saturday, March 9, starting at 1:30 PM.

The contestants will need an audience, so please mark your calendar and plan to be at the contest.

Alberta International Band Festival

There's still time to volunteer to help at the Alberta International Band Festival. There are a number of positions and shifts available.

The Festival runs at three separate times in three different locations:

Concert Band Festival:

February 20th to 26th, 2019

Rozsa Centre (University of Calgary)

Jazz Band Festival:

February 26th to March 1st, 2019

Doherty Hall (just north of Calgary Stampede Park)

Grade 1 Festival:

April 24th to 26th 2019

Calgary Arts Academy & TransAlta Performing Arts Studios (just north of Calgary Stampede Park)

Whether you can do one shift or multiple shifts, any assistance you can provide will be appreciated. To volunteer please contact Aaron Park at

volunteer@aibfestival.ca.

Calgary Performing Arts Festival

It's not too soon to start planning to assist the Calgary Performing Arts Festival. The Calgary Festival takes place at the Lincoln Park Campus of Mt. Royal University, April 15 to May 4.

The CPAF is an integral part of Calgary's arts, music and culture community and is committed to amateur performers of all ages and skill levels. The Festival now has approximately 4,000 entries and 12,000 participants annually. It provides life-changing growth and learning opportunities to amateur performers by world-class adjudicators at its annually held Performing Arts Festival in Calgary. Areas of interest include a multitude and variety of classical music, music, musical theatre, vocal and/or spoken word.

Do you love amateur performing artists? The CPAF needs you on their volunteering team! Consider volunteering if you want to:

- Explore and discover your personal strengths
- Learn something new
- Make new friends
- Use your skills and experiences to do good
- Grow your network

Please visit the CPAF website at www.cpafestival.ca to find out more about the Festival and volunteer opportunities. Or phone the Festival office at 403-283-6009.

Up Coming Dates

Feb 25: Board Meeting teleconference

Mar 4: Club Dinner Meeting, Danish-Canadian Club

Mar 14-17: Alberta Optimist U18 Curling Championships, Medicine Hat CC

Mar 25: Board Meeting teleconference

April 1: Club Dinner Meeting, China Rose

April 3-May 4: Calgary Performing Arts Festival, Mt. Royal University

April 25-26: Club Casino at Elbow River Casino

April 29: Board Meeting teleconference

May 6: AGM, Danish-Canadian Club

May 17-18: 3Q District Meeting, Medicine Hat

May 27: Board Meeting

June 1: Family Day at Optimist Park

June 3: Youth Appreciation Event

June 23: Optimist Jr Golf Tournaments, Collicutt Siding Golf Club