



The OptiMessenger



The Optimist Club of Calgary

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Come Hear Kortnee's Story!



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) is a free book gifting organization devoted to inspiring a love of reading in the hearts of children everywhere.

On September 25, Myrna and Mike presented a

cheque from the Optimist Club of Calgary to Sarah Birch, the Community Outreach Librarian at the Cochrane Public Library and Rose Reid with the Stoney Nakoda First Nation.

The library was thrilled to receive our funding - allowing them to create the program promoting literacy within the Stoney Nakoda First Nation. They invited the Cochrane Eagle newspaper and Cochrane NOW Radio to be at the presentation.

Forty-five Stoney Nakoda First Nation children have already signed-up for the program. Each month, enrolled children from birth to age five receive a high quality, age appropriate book free of charge. Each one is personalized with the child's name and mailed directly to the child's home.

Book selection is made by a Committee through Penguin Random House - a specially selected panel of early childhood literacy experts that includes teachers, psychologists and other professionals. The Committee is responsible for reviewing hundreds of potential titles for inclusion in the program. All books are generic and age appropriate with content representative of Canadian readers.

Recent studies suggest participation in the program is positively and significantly associated with higher measures of early language and math development.

Kortnee Paiha – Speaker at Our Club Meeting, October 7

You do not want to miss hearing Kortnee Paiha, winner of a William J. Cummer Scholarship this year. The William J. Cummer Scholarships are granted largely on applicants volunteer activities with young people. Kortnee's list of volunteer activities will blow your mind!

After being diagnosed with laryngeal cancer in October 2016, she was forced to miss some school as well as quit her jobs. She has been trying to catch up her missing credits, which has prevented her from returning to work full-time - but not from being a leader helping others.

But, I'll let her tell you her story – at our club dinner meeting Monday, October 7, at the Danish-Canadian Club. As usual, social time will start at 6:00 PM, dinner at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00.

This year, you do not have to come for dinner to attend the meeting that starts at 7 PM simply tell Robin when she calls whether you will coming for dinner or just the meeting. If the latter, plan to arrive just before 7:00.

Patrick Airlie Casino

Volunteer opportunities for the Patrick Airlie School Casino on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 5-6 are still open. You can select your shift and sign up by going to: <https://volunteersignup.org/FWAKT>

Casinos have allowed the school to build a playground, conduct field trips, provide yearbooks, and more.

If you have any questions, please contact Calvin Landrie, School Council Chair, at

Patrickairlieschoolcouncil@outlook.com.

Calgary Optimist Club Member Survey

On September 24 I sent you a Club Survey. The intent of the survey is to improve our Optimist Club and to make it more meaningful to you. If you have not already done so, please complete the short survey and return it to me ASAP.

1Q District Meeting

The First Quarter District Meeting in the "Magic City" of Billings, Montana is fast approaching. It will be held at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center, October 25 – 26, 2019.

Friday night is FUNdora night and "Like to get to know you" night; starting at 7:00 PM.

You will be happy to attend, as they will have great training, some motivational and inspirational speakers and many fun activities. Guest Speaker for the event is OI President-Elect Mark Weinsoff

Registration prior to October 11 is US\$109.00 for Members and Companions and US\$15 for Children. (HIGHLIGHT for the children will be a 4-6 hour trip to the zoo.)

A Registration Forms is attached. It has a couple of corrections to the original form:

1. *To make a room reservation at the hotel phone 406-248-7151. The number on the Registration Form is a FAX number.*
2. *Cheques should be made payable to the "Optimist Club of Lockwood" - not to the Heights Optimist Club. They should be mailed to Edward Hoem at the address on the Form: 1030 Dorothy Lane, Billings, MT 59105, USA*

Park Society Casino

We are still looking for volunteers for the Optimist Park Society casino on Thursday and Friday, November 21-22, at Casino Calgary. You can volunteer just by contacting Susan Bjerstedt at 403-285-1168, or by email at s.bjerstedt@shaw.ca

Festive Showcase Concert – Nov 27

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual Festive Showcase Concert at the Jubilee Auditorium on Wednesday, November 27.

Invite your family and friends to this very popular concert.

The Okotoks Optimist Club

This summer the High River Optimist Club and the Calgary Dinner Optimist Club jointly built a new Optimist Club, the Okotoks Optimist Club of Alberta. Its President is Amy Giroux.

Amy invites all Kings, Queens and peasants too, to come celebrate with them at the Okotoks Optimist Club Charter Party Gala. It will take place Saturday, November 23, at The Ranch House, 23041 – 306 Avenue West, Okotoks; starting at 6 PM.

Enjoy a social hour of cocktails, a decadent dinner by Highwood Catering, dancing and of course fun fundraising opportunities - all benefiting the town of Okotoks and its youth. Tickets to the event are available at:

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/okotoks-optimist-clubs-charter-party-gala-tickets-73129298701?ref=enivte001&invite=MTc2NDQ0NDcvb2tvdG9rc29wdGltaxN0QGdtYWIsLmNvbS8w%0A&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=invitemodernv2&utm_term=eventimage&ref=enivte001

If for some reason you cannot attend this delightful event but would still like to contribute to the Okotoks Optimist Club's cause and help the community of Okotoks and its youth, please send your generous donations to OkotoksOpimist@gmail.com.

Your wonderful contribution is greatly appreciated.

Annual Club Christmas Party

Plan to attend our Club Christmas party hosted by Robin on Monday, December 2, at the North Tower Manor Group - Fish Creek, 22 Shawnee Hill SW.

Up Coming Dates

Sept 29: Zone 6 Meeting, Brooks

Oct 7: Club Dinner Meeting

Oct 9: Joint New & Present Board Meeting

Oct 25-26: 1st Quarter District Meeting, Billings

Nov 4: Club Dinner Meeting

Nov 5-6: Patrick Airlie Casino

Nov 21-22: Park Society Casino

Nov 23: Okotoks Optimist Club Charter Party Gala

Nov 27: Festive Showcase Concert

Dec 2: Annual Christmas Party



AMSNW DISTRICT 13

1st Quarter District Meeting

October 25th & 26th
Billings, Montana



BHCC - Billings Hotel and Convention Center
1223 Mullowney Lane (406) ~~867-8280~~ 248-7151

OPTIMIST NAME:		EMAIL ADDRESS:	PHONE:
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		PROVINCE/STATE:	POSTAL/ZIP CODE:
OPTIMIST CLUB:			POSITION HELD
COMPANION NAME:		ATTENDING COMPANION PROGRAM? YES: NO:	
CHILDREN'S NAME AND AGE:		ATTENDING CHILDREN'S PROGRAM? YES: NO:	
FIRST TIMER? YES: NO:		EARLY REGISTRATION PAID BY 10/11/19	LATE REGISTRATION RECEIVED AFTER 10/11/2019
		OPTIMIST MEMBER: \$109 US ONLY	OPTIMIST MEMBER: \$123 US ONLY
		COMPANION: \$109 US ONLY	COMPANION: \$123 US ONLY
		CHILDREN: \$15 US ONLY <small>(Must be registered by 10/11/2019 for programming count)</small>	

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what Optimist
can do for you...th*

OPTIMIST MOTTO Bringing out the best in; our Youth, our community, and ourselves!

  **FUNdora**  

District Meeting Theme Come See For Yourself

SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO:
Heights Optimist Club of Lockwood
1030 Dorothy Lane
Billings, Montana 59105

