

What is an Optimist?

An **Optimist** is a motivated member of the community who wishes to promote and assist with the physical and moral development of youth, as well as adopting and nurturing Optimism as a philosophy of life.



Primary programs and activities

OCB supports and operates four different sports programs throughout the year. These programs directly service 2,200 youth in our community, with approximately 1,600 boys and girls participating in soccer, 400 boys and girls playing baseball and softball, and nearly 200 boys and girls participating in challenge baseball and Track 3 skiing.

Other programs include the Canada Day Celebration with fireworks; a city-wide chess tournament; Junior Golf, a bike safety rodeo; an Easter Egg Hunt; programs for the physically and mentally challenged; and Special Olympics.

Financial assistance is also provided for Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, London Boys and Girls Club, Thames Valley Children's Center, Downs Syndrome Research Institute, Children's Safety Village, HOBY, and many other community programs



OCB also supports extra curricular activities for local schools.

Why should you join the Optimist Club of Byron?

1. To help shape the future of our most valuable asset -- our children.
2. To be part of an organization making decisions that could directly affect your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, even children of your friends.
3. To make a difference in a child's life by being a positive role model.
4. To ensure youth programs continue to operate and are properly funded.
5. To make new friends in your community with men and women who share similar interests and goals.
6. To have an opportunity for self development by working with others in diversified programs and projects.
7. To have an opportunity to sharpen your leadership skills.
8. To feel proud of your club, our community and yourself.
9. To have some fun.

You can make a difference!

A social meeting is held once a month where you can meet your fellow Optimists, share information of relevant topics and have some fun.

Whether you are searching for an outlet to help shape the future of your community or seeking a venue for personal development, we invite you to join the Optimist Club of Byron today.

The Byron Optimist Sports Complex

The 22 acre facility on Boler Road is fully operated and maintained by the OCB on land donated by Bill Willcock in 1979.

The facility boasts 3 baseball diamonds and 3 soccer fields, (with all but one soccer field floodlit for night play), equipment storage buildings, a children's playground, a concession booth, and ample parking for participants and spectators.

The playing fields are now recognized as some of the finest and safest in the city.



OCB supports Byron's soccer & baseball teams, and junior golfers

Don't have much time to spare?

Our belief is that family and work commitments come first, and volunteering for Optimism should not detract from these priorities in one's daily life.

We just ask that you get involved with at least one project or activity of your choice, to ensure appropriate utilization of your talents, while establishing rapport with your fellow Optimists.

To join, or for more info, contact VP of membership, Optimist Wayne Cousins at 519 473-3497 or e-mail: ocb@byronoptimists.ca