



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The Optimists Alumni Drum & Bugle Corps wish you and your families the best for the holiday season and the New Year.



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Burlington - April 30. In exhibition at a drum line competition at MM Robinson Secondary School

Over the winter months we had replaced our G-bugles with Bb instruments, learned a completely new repertoire and exchanged our green, cadet style uniforms with Mummers' costumes. With this performance we unveiled our Party Gras show. We had no idea what to expect. Would the audience love us or hate us? We walked onto the performance area and were greeted with, shall I say, "curiosity". This group was, obviously, VERY different! As we got into our show the applause increased and we could feel the audience get into our music. The show was very well received and our fears were put to rest!



Dave MacKinnon conducting the corps



Northstar Flute Ensemble.



L-R: Dave Bruce, Mike Lang and Heather Hyslop.



Northstar Colours.



Northstar Drum Line.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – A NEW DIRECTION

Corps Director, Mike Lang



FORMULA ONE car drivers spend all their time while racing both scanning the track ahead and watching their mirrors behind. We do the same sort of thing (but we move a lot slower). It's rare for an Alumni group to take time off (Summer 2015) then successfully restart again just months later.

It's even rarer for an Alumni to re-invent themselves with a new look, different instruments and a different sound with a whole new perspective of being more entertaining and interactive with our audience. Add the element of competing for our first time ever and winning a gold medal and voila here we are. Kudos and thanks to all those who have contributed and supported our revitalized journey so far.

So what further challenges lie ahead? Well how about an expanded ensemble, more tunes (including a special Korean folk tune) likely in two different sets? We're also looking at doing more indoor performances, more parades (we ride in

style now), perhaps local musical festivals and of course our South Korean tour (with a possible SoundSport competition in Seoul) in August.

Will it mean more work than last year? In a word YES. But the payoff will be greater as we continue to clearly have as much or more fun than our spectators. We are entertainers now and are no longer restricted by people's idea of what an alumni drum corps should look and sound like. It's worked great so far so let's build on it together.

Our first rehearsal of 2017 is Sunday December 11th, 2016 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Etobicoke (we can't wait for the calendar to get there). We will launch into our first new chart "Elks' Parade" with Peter Jones and Doug Darwin. We'll also dust off a number of the tunes we're keeping for 2017 before we break for Christmas and New Year's.

Best wishes to you and yours over the holidays. We look forward to working together with all of you soon.

"Party Gras" by choice. Mike.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Annual Meeting September 25, 2016

Our 2016 season officially ended on September with our Annual Meeting and the election of our Board of Directors.

Our Executive for 2017

• Mike Lang	President
• Doug Darwin	Vice-President
• Kathleen Gander	Secretary
• Matt Davis	Treasurer
• Barry Bell	Director at Large
• Dave Bruce	Director at Large
• Rick Lang	Director at Large

A BLAST FROM THE PAST Reprinted from Green Capsule Comments, Volume 5, No.4, July/August 1965

New addition to the Executive

Commencing Thursday, July 1st, Clare Reid joined the Executive of The Toronto Optimists Drum Corps. His position on the corps Executive will be that of Corps Manager.

Clare has a background of 17 years in drum corps, starting in the Western Technical School Corps with Lorne and Barry. While in Western he played tenor, soprano and french horn bugles (not all at once) and later moved up to writing their drill and, onward, to Assistant Corps Director. He has taught brass and drill at Western and for Parkdale Pirettes (Lions), and over the years has served on the executive Board of the Canadian Drum Corps Association, as Vice-President for one year, Secretary Treasurer for four years, Treasurer for one year, Contest Coordinator for two years and Chairman for the Canadian Championships for the last three years.

Over the ten years of this corps' existence there have been many outstanding members who "wore the Green" and, although many members have come and gone, for the most part the executive members have served on and on and here you must realize lies much of the strength and that "solid foundation" upon which the Corps is being built. As you know some of your executive members are relatively new; others have been with the Corps since its foundation years, but new or old, your Executive continues to head the Corps year after year building a tradition unique in Canada.

To our ranks, and yours, we welcome Mr. Reid. I am sure that with his 17 years of Corps background experience he will add another dimension to our ever stronger Executive... and Optimist Corps.

PERFORMANCE

Waterloo - May 15. Performing in exhibition during a drumline competition at Wilfred Laurier University.

This was our second performance and we had used the time between Burlington and now to clean up parts of the show, work on dynamics, etc. The audience moved and grooved with the music, clapped in time, waved their hands and loved the show. We were a hit!



Peter Jones, our new Drum Major, conducts the Corps.



Peter Jones, our new Drum Major.

Keith Dearlove with "Lucy", his beloved Sousaphone.

Our trumpets (that's correct, no more "bugles") and mellophones.

Woodstock - May 23. Victoria Day Parade

This was our first parade of the year and it was very different. Instead of marching in the parade we sat on chairs and rode on the back of a flatbed truck (hey, we're not as young as we used to be!). Instead of marching along, struggling to catch our breath so that we could continue playing, we sat with our breathing relaxed, playing our hearts out. We played more in this parade than we ever have. In fact, we even played going uphill. Such a treat! Once again, the audience loved us! The changes we had made this year we a big hit.



Inset L: Laura. R: Lindsay. *Sitting on the flatbed truck and playing while going UPHILL!*



L-R: Mike Lang, Matt Davis, Keith Dearlove and Dave Bruce.



"Lucy" and Keith Dearlove.



Doug Darwin and his drum kit. It's a good thing we were on a flatbed because his drum kit is hard to carry.

Highland Creek Heritage Festival - June 18

In this parade the horns rode on a trailer while the drums sat in the back of a pickup truck (our drumline consists of a bass and 2 snares with Doug playing everything else). The audience was very appreciative and we always enjoy this parade.



Dave Bruce.



Mike Lang and Joe Lasko.



Yun Darwin, Doug Roblin and Rick Lang with Brian Collington behind.

Mississauga Canada Day Parade - July 1

We've done this parade for the last few years and we always enjoy it. Did I mention that our Mummers costumes were made for a parade on New Year's Day? In summer they get a tad hot. For this parade we wore t-shirts! The audience might have preferred the costumes but our own survival came first! By the way, the top left photo shows Bonnie Crombie, the Mayor of Mississauga, posing with the corps.



PERFORMANCE

Indianapolis - August 11-14. SoundSport Competition

The “Indy” trip was very full! We traveled on Thursday and, after arriving and getting our rooms, we played outside for the hotel guests. Friday was spent practicing in the rain before heading off to the DCI semifinals. On Saturday we were up early, ate, did a run-thru of the show, then headed off to compete. While it rained again we were lucky because the SoundSport competition was held indoors! We performed after intermission.

An Army dance band played on a stage during the intermission and, when we entered, the “black” lights were still on. I don’t think the audience had ever seen a corps with such iridescent colours! We did our best, then waited while the other corps, including the Bridgemen and last year’s winner, the Jim Ott Brass Ensemble, performed. The standings were announced and we had won a Gold Medal! We quickly headed back to the hotel, changed, wolfed down a bit of food then headed to Lucas Oil Stadium for the DCI finals. Fortunately the stadium is covered because it was still raining!



THURSDAY – 11th: SETTLING IN



Barry Woods is teaching Soo, Laura and Lindsay how to make a little extra money for Duty-Free. The table was on wheels for easy movement to the back of the bus. (Just kidding)



After dinner, Drum Major Peter Jones directed a “top-half only costume rehearsal” in the hotel parking lot.



Evening rehearsal in the hotel parking lot. Many of the guests were pleased about this free “Entertainment Package”.

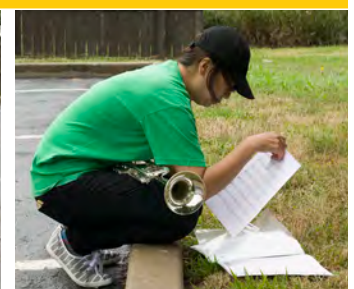
FRIDAY – 12th: REHEARSALS



Judy and Doug. “... I’m not sure Judy, but I think it says you can declare up to \$800.”



We’re just Singing In The rain... again.



Kimiko “... Yes, you’re right, it says here, \$800 after 48 hours.”

PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

FRIDAY – 12th: REHEARSALS



More "Singing In The Rain" while Doug and Rick teach Kimiko to dance the Charleston.

SATURDAY – 13th: PERFORMANCE



Take away recognition.

End of Season Celebration - August 21.

Hosted by Barry and Bernadette Woods

An end of season BBQ was hosted by Barry and Bernadette Woods. Barry, Doug and Yun are also on the Board of Northstar so this party combined Optimists Alumni members with Northstar members and their families. The crowd was entertained by both groups and a good time was had by all. A big Thank You goes out to Barry and Bernadette!



Dave MacKinnon and Lorne Ferrazzutti. L-R: Kathleen Gander, Barry Bell, Bob Carell, Soo, Eric McConachie, Laura and Lindsay. Ric Brown.



Members of Northstar with their Director, Yun Darwin (far right). L-R: Joe and Margaret Gianna. Back: Glenda and Doug Roblin, Matt Davis. Standing: Mike Lang.



Members of Northstar.

Doug, Yun and Sky Darwin

Keith and "Lucy". (That's Keith in the T-shirt).



Madison Darwin with her fiancé, Brady Delaroo.

Member of the Northstar drumline.

Celebrating Yun's birthday.

Doug Darwin, Judy Ferguson and Lorne Ferrazzutti.

END OF SEASON BBQ (CONTINUED)



Brian Collingdon and Barry Woods



L-R: Bernadette Woods, Matt Davis, Dave Bruce, Rick Lang, Mike Lang, Heather Hyslop and Debbie Bruce.



L-R: Heather Hyslop, Bob Carell, Barry Bell, Matt Davis, Brian Collingdon and Dave Bruce.



L-R: Mike Lang, Keith Dearlove, Doug Darwin, Ric Brown, Judy Ferguson, Lorne Ferrazzutti, Soo and Doug Roblin.



Kim and Keith Dearlove and some of their family.



L-R: Lindsay, Soo and Laura.



L-R: Doug Roblin, Rick Lang and Joe Gianna.



Northstar Drum Line.



Solo performances by members of the Northstar Flute Ensemble.

Acton - November 19

This was our first Christmas parade and it was wet! Of course, it was more fun than doing a parade in a blizzard, with frozen horns! The audience was great and we had lots of fun!



Brampton - November 19

We left Acton, had a quick bite, then headed on to Brampton for an evening parade. We met at the end of the parade route, hopped onto our trailer and previewed the parade route from end to finish (I'm not sure what folks thought as we went the "wrong" way). To make up for the afternoon's rain we got some snow flurries. While it was a tad cold the audience was very warm and we were well received. The parade was on the long side and we were thankful that we got to sit through the parade.



Pat Buttigieg, Barry Bell and Bob Carell.

HOLIDAY PARADES (CONTINUED)

Guelph - November 20

Guelph was another fun parade. To make it even better, waiting for the parade to start we got to hang out with friends from Scout House.



Joe Gianna (Soprano) discussing the fine points of the Western Tonic Scale with Keith Dearlove (and Lucy).



Always good to see members of Scout House Alumni Band.



Judy Ferguson shows us how it's done. Reminds one of the movie "A Star Is Born".

Brantford - November 26

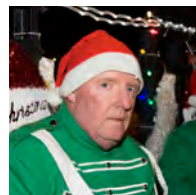
For some of us, Brantford was a bit of a challenge. When we arrived many of the roads were already closed and this made it difficult to reach our gathering point. Miraculously, all of us managed to get to the starting point before we had to step off. This was our final parade for the season and I didn't hear any complaints.



Barry Woods.



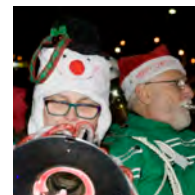
Matt Davis.



Ric Brown.



Brian Collingdon.



Heather Hyslop and Bob Carell



Doug Darwin.



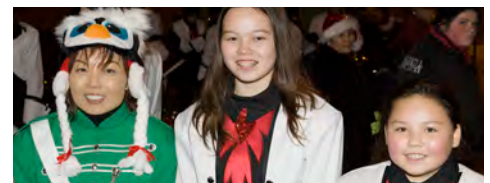
Doug Darwin and Doug Roblin.



Doug "Mr. I'm Having Fun" Roblin.



The other "I'm Having Fun Too" Mike Lang and Heather Hyslop.



L-R: Soo with daughters, Laura and Lindsay who perform with Northstar.

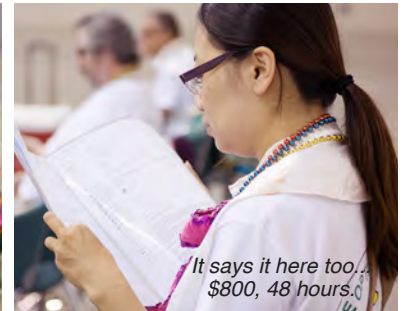
BEHIND THE SCENES FOR SOUNDSPORT



Those who have their cell phones tuned to "G" can leave them on... just kidding.



I flew over 6,200 miles to be part of this. I want a hat!



It says it here too... \$800, 48 hours.



Are you sure...?



You carry on. I've got to take this..



Clare Reid

**July 14, 1935 –
September 17, 2016**

CLARE made many friends through his lifelong love of music, serving as a bugle player and instructor with the Western Tech Trumpet Band, executive of the Toronto Optimists and Optimists Alumni Drum and Bugle Corps, and President of the Canadian Drum Corps Association. Clare was also a faithful member and executive of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 344.



Here are a few comments from some of those who knew him.

“Always made me feel at home and a valued member of the Optimist Alumni Corps”

“A real ‘gentle-man’.”

“Here’s my favourite memory of Clare: In 1968 the corps was losing regularly to De La Salle. We worked and worked and worked some more and finally at the CNE show the week before nationals we were back on top. The next weekend in Kingston, we were nervous but worked hard and felt fully prepared. As I was standing at the Drum Major’s retreat, I was still apprehensive about the upcoming results. Clare was right in front of me either presenting a trophy or perhaps as a judge, I can’t remember. But before the scores were announced, I looked at Clare and he gave me a quick wink and I knew we would be ok. “

“Blessed with a great sense of humor and awesome personality he will be greatly missed and forever remembered.”



L-R: Clare, Don Daber and Mike Andrews. 1960 Rochester, New York.

George Wright

December 10, 2015

ON a fall evening in 1961, at Oak Park Junior High School in east-end Toronto, George Wright and I (Vern Johansson) joined the Bantam Optimists. I had never met George before but he made me laugh. From the Bantams, George moved up to the Junior Corps in the fall of 1963. He was an Optimist in name and attitude.



George accomplished a great deal in drum corps. He played in the much-awarded Baritone Quartet. His positive attitude was always infectious and his laughter could always be heard. George was Corpsman of the Year in 1967. In 1971, George married the love of his life, Rose Ferraro, sister of his best friend, Optimists Tenor Drummer, Vince Ferraro.

George became Corps Director of the Optimists during a very difficult period in the ‘70’s and guided them through a thicket of problems. He was also Corps Director for Cardinals of Precious Blood and the Emerald Knights in Mississauga, which included his daughters, Lisa, Danielle and Alison. George was one of the 4 Founders of the Optimists Alumni. He was a true and loyal Optimist and loved every moment of his involvement. I will never forget him. Or his laugh.

Here are a few comments from some of those who knew him.

“I’ll always remember you as a diminutive bundle of unbridled passion, eternal optimism, contagious humour and leadership by principle and example. The world is a slightly lesser place without you.” Greg

“A very committed individual. It was both an honour and a privilege to march and work with him in The Optimists Alumni.”

Bill

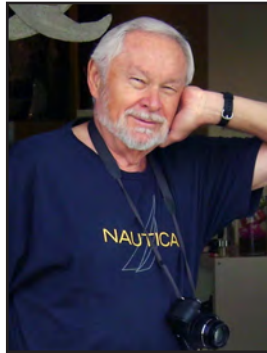


George at rehearsal in 1965.

Henry Beben

January 30, 1940 –
September 30, 2016

FROM its beginnings as a Boy Scout Bugle Band in 1953 up until he left the Corps at the end of the 1960 season, Hank was in the horn line of the group that evolved into the “THE TORONTO OPTIMISTS”.



Throughout his lifetime, Hank was fiercely proud of the successes and accomplishments of the Corps and of the friends and the associations he made. He was often heard to say that his exposure to the teamwork and discipline within the Corps was a significant factor in his development and aided in the success he achieved in the business world. And successful he was!

Over the years Hank stayed involved and was the driving force behind all five organized reunions for the Corps, he took the lead in arranging numerous group trips to Corps and Alumni shows, arranged a great number of get-togethers and gave his full support to the development and organization of The Optimists Alumni Corps. Those of us assisting in any of these endeavors soon learned that “failure was not an option”.

As a friend, you knew without question that should the need arise, Hank would be there as illustrated by his long time support of fellow Optimist and friend Warren Mills during his lengthy illness. You could always count on him.

Here are a few comments from some of Hank’s friends:

“I could count on him for advice of any kind at any time. He was a person who would listen, a man of great knowledge, a man’s man. He would say friendship is something you should cherish. He was a great believer in education, a man who would read novels continually, he had a great memory and he loved to read about world wars . The Civil War was of interest to him and we visited Washington three times because of the history in that area.

He thought the world of our Veterans. Sports, he loved them all. The four of us traveled to different places and always enjoyed each other’s company. He was very adventurous. Loved different types of exotic foods. He was a great friend. There are many things to say about this man whom you could count on.”

“Regal Road School. Toronto. Grade 3. Such a very long time ago. But, that’s how long Henry (Hank) has been in my life... as a friend that was always — always there. Through Cubs, Scouts, the Corps, he was the fulcrum upon which our little ‘band of brothers’ glided through our younger days. I sort of lost touch with Henry and the others when I moved to Montreal. Then one day, at a conference in Toronto that I attended, he chased me down the hall and it was as if I had never left. That was vintage Hank. Steadfast, loyal, committed to his friends just like they were family.

Those were his life values along with hard work, determination and pride...all of which made him the success he was in business. Hank loved a good debate. He would instigate the wildest propositions then sit back, smile and enjoy the give and take of a great conversation. Every now and then he would flash that smile of his and you knew he was putting you on. But, who cared. They say you are blessed if you can look back on your life and know that you had the good fortune to know a few true friends. Hank was one of mine. And I thank him for that. And I will miss him.”



Sitting: L-R: Barry Bell, Warren Mills, Hank Beben and Dennis DeCarli (behind Hank)
(1960 Rochester, New York).

Dennis Roussel

**November 21, 1951 —
August 14, 2016**

DEN departed this beautiful earth in Vancouver after a fatal cardiac event. All who knew him will confirm he was one of the sweetest and gentlest souls they ever knew.



Den was born in Fort William (Thunder Bay), Ontario, and moved to Toronto with his family in 1960. There, he spent his early days until he moved to Vancouver with the wave of hippies, curious young people, and other searchers who arrived in Vancouver in the early 1970s. Once he reached Vancouver he knew he was home.

Although Den spent his early working life in construction and later as the building and maintenance supervisor for the Vancouver Immigrant Services Society his true avocation was mathematics, specifically geometry, which he studied and considered for decades, his final papers and writings amounting to many of thousands of pages. He is remembered to this day as the discoverer of “The Roussel Triangle”, a theorem extension of the famed Morley Triangle. His triangle can be found on the internet — a fitting memorial to his fine mind.

Although he’s gone he will live on in my heart for the many delightful characteristics that made him special.

I remember him as a young guy 4, 5, 6 years old and unless he was on his way to church or, later, school he would be marching around wearing a kid’s carpenter belt nearly all the time, sawing, hammering and putting things together.

He never lost that interest in buildings things or

understanding how things worked. When he would visit my home in the east, within a day or two the cracked, broken, poorly fitting things in the house would be repaired. He noticed it. He repaired it. Barely a word from him.

I remember his smile. If you got a quiet smile from Den you knew you had done well.

I remember he was always glad to see you.

Den was a very able musician in his late teens and early twenties, playing first baritone horn with the Toronto Optimists from 1967-1970, and winning several awards in brass duet, trio, quartet and sextet categories.

Den was a master crossword puzzle solver. He would sit on the bench in the lane way at Mole Hill in Vancouver on nice days solving the New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle. He was very good at that.

Den seldom got angry — unless you happened to be on a road trip and you refused to stop at every historic plaque or point of interest on the route.

I remember his encyclopedic knowledge of matters that interested him. He had more than a layman’s understanding of many subjects — physics, astronomy, music, electricity,

literature, history, and many more. In his teens he became a Napoleon expert, citing details of early 19th century battles and intrigues.

Den was all those memories and more to me. But even more importantly he was one of my very best friends and one of the smartest people I ever knew. I’m sure Den would agree to me modifying a beautiful quote from Rabindranath Tagore’s writings: *“Say not in grief that he is no more, But say in thankfulness that he was.”* I shall miss him terribly.

Ray Roussel



L-R: Ray Roussel, Dennis Roussel, Marcel Smolinski, Wayne Dean and George Wright.

Rick Robida

January 10, 2016

Corps: Grantham Police Boys Band, Toronto Optimists, Optimists Alumni, Hawthorne Caballeros Alumni.

RICK came to the Toronto Optimists from the Grantham Police Boys Band. In addition to Grantham Rick marched with the Toronto Optimists, the Canadian Commanders, Guelph Royalaires, the Optimists Alumni and the Hawthorne Caballeros Alumni. He has also served as the Corps director for the Optimists Alumni and was on the board of Drum Corps International.



Rick was a kind and gentle soul who loved the Optimists. One of the first things Rick did after becoming corps director for the Optimists Alumni was to resurrect Green Capsule Comments, the Optimists newsletter. The photo on the right shows Rick in 2013 when he marched in our Honour Guard, proudly wearing the “old” Toronto Optimists uniform.

Here are a few comments from some of those who knew him.

“Rick was a fine and honourable Optimist.”

“It is unfortunate that we must lose a great person like Rick. A great friend and marching pal. Always greet you with open arms. A terrible loss to all who knew him.”

“A very committed individual. It was both an honour and a privilege to march and work with him in The Optimists Alumni.”

“I know him as a kind, supportive man who knew and loved Corps.”

“What a great guy Rick was. Any time I spoke with him he always asked how Galen was doing. I’m also grateful for his leadership in the Alumni while I was a member. “



L-R: 2nd right. Rick in the Grantham Police Boys Band.



L-R: Rick, Ronn Prokop, Fred Lombard and Joe Palanica.

Al Miller

October 21, 2016

**Corps: Toronto Optimists,
Canadian Commanders,
Optimists Alumni.**

AL began his time in the Optimist carrying a flag before moving to rifle. At that time our rifles were chrome-plated Lee-Enfield .303s! Later a chrome plated bayonet was added. Boy, were they heavy! After aging out, Al joined the Canadian Commanders, again carrying a rifle. When he joined the Optimists Alumni he decided that he wanted to be musical and joined our cymbal line. And a fine job he did!

Here are a few comments from some of those who knew him:

"I remember him picking me up for Optimists rehearsals in the early 60's; he was a dependable and enthusiastic corps member. Ole' as he was known amongst friends, was funny and had a great sense of humour. There was a very serious side to Al that a lot of people did not see, life was not always easy. He was intelligent and had a variety of interest that went under the radar. The last time we spoke he told me about his cabin and how much he enjoyed being with nature. It was always good to see Al and listen to the stories and the humour he could inject into some very trying (for him) experiences. Al was extremely well liked by his peers in the drum corps world and will be missed by many. He marches on to be greeted by those who have gone before him. Peace be with you my friend. "



In the early 60s I remember Al's determination and absolute "no smile" before a performance. As a new member, it scared me... but I got his message..."No mistakes". Also, I remember how he would laugh at himself when something he or The Rifles attempted and it didn't work. He spent the next ten minutes or the rest of the rehearsal making it work. "Do what you have to do." Lesson well taught. Thank you Al." David Johns.

"Al had a great sense of humour. He had so many stories he could tell you about different people he met in his Corps years. He was a funny guy and a good story teller. He did a great job while on rifle in the 60's as well as being a great cymbal player in the Optimists Alumni."

"I will miss Uncle Alex's huge heart and wonderful sense of humor. He lit up any room he entered. God bless you Uncle Alex."

"the two traits my brother struggled with were his sensitivity and his compassion. These were the two traits I respected the most in my brother."

"the world has lost a good man... a good father.... and a good sibling.... you asked me what your purpose in life was this last year... and you finally figured it out... giving your love and stories to the nurses in Peterborough... before that you accomplished so much... you had your land and made sure you didn't lose that... it was your life... listening to the birds and watching the big moose pass your kitchen window... miss you brother and I thank you for all you gave me... so so much love and wisdom... you also learned to except love from me.. or anyone for that matter... you thought it mothering and babying... yes, perhaps the rubbing of the feet was much, but you loved it... ha ha" Catherin (Miller) Hufnagel"



L-R: Al Miller, Frans Rood, Ronn Prokop, Vic Kruklis and Ron Kaiser (1962 Daffodil Parade).

CORPS SCHEDULE

Please check our website for the current schedule: optimists-alumni.org

Santa Parades 2016

Saturday	November 19, 2016	Acton	Santa Claus Parade	1:00 pm
	November 19, 2016	Brampton	Santa Claus Parade	5:00 pm
Sunday	November 20, 2016	Guelph	Santa Claus Parade	1:00 pm
Saturday	November 26, 2016	Brantford	Santa Claus Parade	6:00 pm

Rehearsals

Sunday	December 11, 2016	The Legion Branch 101 – Etobicoke	Noon - 4:00 pm
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Update on our Website: Bob Carell

It's come to my attention that some people think that the website is no longer being updated. That is not the case. In fact, during the last year over 700 photos have been posted. In addition, there has been a major improvement. You can, once again, leave comments! The "web bots" had taken over and, even with a validation process, I was having to delete hundreds of spam messages every day. About two months ago I instituted a new validation process and it has been extremely successful.

If you recognize someone in an old photo, know where a photo was taken, a photo brings back memories, please feel free to share with others by leaving a comment. Contact me at: Toronto_Optimist@rogers.com



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