



GREATER JACKSONVILLE OPTIMISTS

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Proud to be an Honor Club for six consecutive years: 2000-2005!



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FACT SHEET

Here's a way to put some new zip in your life--It's the Greater Jacksonville Optimists. The Greater Jacksonville Optimists offer you an opportunity to meet some great people and work together on some special projects right here in your community. Optimists are positive people taking positive action producing positive results right here right now.

CHARTERED: September 19, 1984 (Sponsored by the Timonium Optimist Club)

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: October 1 - September 30

MEMBERS: Currently 52 men and women with room for you

MEETINGS: First Wednesday of each month at Future Home, 12900 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix, MD 21131
Additional Club activities are held monthly

AFFILIATION:

Optimist International (www.optimist.org)--Founded: June 19,1919

102,000+ Adult Members in 3,000+ Clubs in 29 Countries and 18,000+ Youth Members in 600+ Clubs

Motto: Friend of Youth "Bringing Out the Best in Kids"

Maryland/South Delaware Optimist District (www.mdsdoptimist.org)

1,600+ Adult Members in 39 Clubs and 100+ Youth Members in 4 Clubs

MAJOR PROJECTS

Greater Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration—

Sat. before July 4th Children's Bike & Pet Parade in the morning; Entertainment and Fireworks in the evening.

Youth Projects--

Activities with the children at the **Villa Maria School**

Annual **Youth Appreciation** Dinner in November honoring local high school juniors and seniors

Annual **Essay Contest** in September-January for youth under age 19--2005-2006 Topic: "I'm Unique Because . . ."

Annual **Oratorical Contest** in March for youth under the age of 16--2005-2006 Topic: "My Future is Bright Because . . ."

Annual **Shop With a Cop** Program in December for disadvantaged youth

Sponsor Youth in the **Optimist International Junior Golf Championship**

Sponsor Youth to **HOBY**—Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar

Participate in the Maryland South Delaware & Optimist International **Childhood Cancer Campaign**

Community Service Projects--

Assist local community families, youth, and organizations as needed

Informative Meetings & Social Activities for Members & Families--

Periodically hold dinner meetings with guest speakers such as our **Annual Respect for Law Program**

Annual Crab Feast

Annual Valentine Activity

Annual Holiday Party

Other social activities are held during the year according to members' interests.

MEMBERSHIP

New members pay a one time \$30.00 initiation fee plus a prorated portion of the annual membership dues. First year dues are based on the quarter during which the member joins--Oct.-Dec.: \$30.00 + \$45.00 = \$75.00; Jan.-Mar.: \$30.00 + \$30.00 = \$60.00; Apr.-June: \$30.00 + \$15.00 = \$45.00; and July-Sept.: \$30.00 + \$60.00 = \$90.00 which includes the next year's dues in full. Spouses' annual dues are \$30.00. After the first year, dues are payable by October 1.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FUN!

Call Tom McGrath at 410-592-9202 or Carol Dunstan at 410-666-0086 or visit our Web Site (www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org) to learn more about your opportunity for involvement!