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**CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS**  
First Wed. of Each Month 7:30 PM at  
FUTURE HOME  
12900 Jarrettsville Pike 410-666-0086

**Editor**  
Dennis Lane  
410-592-2574

**Club/Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 2006**  
**7:30 PM**

**Future Home**

**All Members and Guests are invited and encouraged to attend!**

**Bingo with the Kids!**  
**Saturday, Feb. 4**

**Villa Maria**

**2300 Dulaney Valley Rd.**

**Timonium, MD**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

**See Page 3 for details!**

**MATHCOUNTS**  
**Saturday, Feb. 4**

**Perry Hall Middle School**

**4300 Ebenezer Rd.**

**Baltimore, MD 21236**

**8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**See Page 3 for details!**

*Annual Valentine Activity*

*Oregon Ridge Dinner Theatre*

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## CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 31, 2006  
Essay Contest Deadline

Wednesday, February 1, 2006  
Club/Board Meeting  
7:30 PM at Future Home

Sat., February 4, 2006  
Bingo with Kids at Villa Maria  
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

**MATHCOUNTS** at Perry Hall  
Middle School 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**MDSD Optimist District Board Meeting/Conference** at  
Freedom District Optimist Club's  
Community Center, Eldersburg, MD  
9:30 AM—3:00 PM

Sat., February 18, 2006  
**Annual Valentine Activity**  
Oregon Ridge Dinner Theatre  
6:00 PM

Tues., February 28, 2006  
Postmark Deadline for SMC 2006  
Entries

Wed., March 1, 2006  
SMC 2006 Begins

Wed., March 1, 2006  
Club/Board Meeting  
7:30 PM at Future Home

Thursday, March 23, 2006  
Annual Oratorical Contest  
Time and Location to be  
announced

Friday, March 31, 2006  
SMC 2006 Mid Point



## Optimist International Essay Contest

The deadline for our Club's Contest is **Tuesday, January 31, 2006**. Entries should be mailed to Carol Applegate, 4001 Chesley Ave., Baltimore, MD 21206.

For additional details about the Essay Contest contact **Carol Applegate** at 410-426-8287 or [capplegate@jhmi.edu](mailto:capplegate@jhmi.edu) and/or visit our Club's web site—[www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org).



## Optimist International Oratorical Contest

The Optimist International Oratorical Contest is open to youth up to the age of 16 as of December 31, 2005. The topic for this year's contest is, **"My future is bright because . . ."** Our club contest will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2006.

Please share this information with any youth who might be interested in participating in the contest. Applications and contest rules can be printed from our Club's web site—[www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org).

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Oratorical Contest, contact **Mary Lu Hartley** at 410-357-9873 or [luhartley@aol.com](mailto:luhartley@aol.com) or leave a message at our Club's number, 410-592-7067.



## Stock Market Challenge 2006

Stock Market Challenge 2006, our Club's major fundraiser, is underway. We kicked it off at our dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2006. Members assembled the SMC 2006 packets which were then mailed to previous participants on Thursday, January 19, 2006. Packets were also mailed to any members who were unable to attend the meeting.



All members are encouraged to personally participate in SMC 2006; to invite your friends and relatives who have participated in SMC in the past, to participate in SMC 2006; and to invite others to participate in SMC 2006. As we know, the Optimist way to success is, **"Just Ask!"** We know for sure that if we don't ask others to participate they won't, but if we **"Just Ask!"** the answer is frequently Yes!

If you need additional SMC 2006 Brochure/Entry forms, contact **Bill Litsinger** at 410-592-7945 or [ej88lits@comcast.net](mailto:ej88lits@comcast.net) and he will send them to you or you can visit our Club's web site, [www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org) and print the Brochure/Entry form from the web site. The postmark deadline for entries is Tuesday, February 28, 2006.



## GJOC Optimists Serve Supper at the Children's House at Johns Hopkins



We made our Club's first visit to the Children's House at Johns Hopkins on Tuesday evening, January 24, 2006, and served supper to some of the children who are being treated at Johns Hopkins and their families who are staying at the Children's House. **Kevin Alban, Fran Betty, Carol Dunstan, Dennis Lane, Bob Rigger, and Dink Rigger** prepared and served the meal and then ate supper with the families who were from places such as South Carolina, North Carolina, and Texas. The menu for the evening included Boneless Breast of Chicken Casserole, Oven Fried Red Skinned Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Milk, and Make Your Own Sundaes. The families were very appreciative of our efforts and were happy to visit with us. We all enjoyed the evening and look forward to doing it again. Maybe you can go next time.



**T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore!



**Saturday, February 4, 2006**  
**A busy day for Greater Jacksonville Optimists - "Bringing Out the Best in Kids!"**

**Bingo with the Kids at Villa Maria**

We'll meet at Villa Maria at 10:00 AM and set up the cafeteria for bingo. We expect about fifty (50) or so kids to arrive shortly after that to play bingo along with their staff members. We'll have snacks, drinks, and goodie bags for everyone along with lots of bingo prizes. We'll serve snacks, call numbers, and help the kids with their cards,

This is always a fun activity for the kids and for the Optimists. After bingo, we'll clean up and should be finished by 12:00 Noon. **We need eight to ten Optimists for this activity. Please contact Carol Porcher at H 410-357-4717, W 410-666-0008, or cjoptm@aol.com to let her know you will be there.**

**MDSD Optimist Second Quarter Board Meeting/Conference**

Some of our members will be attending the District Meeting at the Freedom District Optimist Club's Community Center in Eldersburg in Carroll County from 9:30 AM -3:00 PM. Activities will include the District Board meeting, round table discussions, lunch, entertainment, games, and the 2002-2005 Awards Presentation at which we will receive our Club's sixth consecutive Honor Club Award.

**MATHCOUNTS**

We have an opportunity to help with an activity that has been a fun and worthwhile one for many kids in our community. MATHCOUNTS (see: [www.mathcounts.org](http://www.mathcounts.org)) is national math enrichment, coaching, and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement if every U. S. State and territory.

The first area competition of this year will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2006, at Perry Hall Middle School on Ebenezer Road from 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with setup and registration from about 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM, proctoring from 9:00 AM - until about 12:30 PM, and scoring from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

Winners of this competition will go on to the State competition on March 4, 2006, at Johns Hopkins University.

We'd love to have a good showing of Optimists to help support this activity for some of our best area students. Please contact **Mike Borowitz at 410-785-0410 or [mborowit@jhmi.edu](mailto:mborowit@jhmi.edu)** if you'd like to volunteer and let him know what time you will be available to assist with MATHCOUNTS. Another opportunity for Optimists, "Bringing Out the Best in Kids."



**GJOC Aluminum Cans Add Up for The Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign!**



Since June 2005 our Club has **collected and recycled 429.5 pounds of aluminum cans** for which we received \$214.75 from the recycler. This was matched by Jim Hubbard, Past Optimists International President, and member of the Severna Park, MD, Optimist Club for a **total donation of \$429.50 to the MDSD Optimist Childhood Cancer Foundation.**

**YOUR CANS ARE NEEDED! Every can counts.** Please save them to help the kids! We'll go to the recycler again in February.

Please ask others to help you collect cans. You can bring your cans to any Optimist meeting or drop them off at the Lane's house at 14317 Dairydale Ct. in Baldwin. For additional information contact **Dennis Lane at 410-592-2574 or 410-592-7067.**

**Happy Birthday**

- Ann Lane—2/10
- Dennis Coster—2/12
- Fran Betty—2/15
- Sue Gilmore—2/16
- Donald Bennett—2/25



**Happy Anniversary**

- Liz & Hans Jonsson—2/29



Please Save Your **Inkjet Cartridges** and **Toner Cartridges** for Recycling to benefit Our Club and the Optimist International Foundation! For more information contact **Barbara Crain at 410-785-0410 or [bcrain@jhmi.edu](mailto:bcrain@jhmi.edu)** or visit our Club's web site—  
[www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org)

**Share Your Optimism With Others—Invite them to participate in one of our activities or to attend a meeting!**



**Together Everyone Achieves More!**

# *Annual Valentine Activity*

*Saturday, February 18, 2006*

*Oregon Ridge Dinner Theatre*

*13401 Beaver Dam Rd.*

*Hunt Valley, MD 21030*

## The Phantom of the Opera

AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL ADAPTATION



**6:00 PM — Doors Open**

**6:30 PM — Buffet Dinner**

**8:00 PM — Show**

**Tickets — \$35.00 per person**

### **Reservations**

**Please contact Fran Betty to reserve your seats**

**410-666-1408**

**franbetty@comcast .net**

**and then mail your check, payable to GJOC, to Fran at:**

**4 Galetree Court**

**Cockeysville, MD 21030**

**Deadline — Saturday, February 4, 2006**

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