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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS
First Wed. of Each Month 7:30 PM
at
FUTURE HOME
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Club/Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2006
7:30 PM
Future Home
All Members and Guests are invited
and encouraged to attend!

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CALENDAR

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

Wed., March 1, 2006
SMC 2006 Begins

Wed., March 1, 2006
Deadline for Oratorical Contest Applications

Sat., March 4, 2006
MATHCOUNTS at Johns Hopkins University 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday, March 8, 2006
Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Saturday, March 18, 2006
Library day at the GJOC sponsored Children's Library at Villa Maria. 10:00 AM—12:00 Noon

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

Friday, March 31, 2006
SMC 2006 Mid Point

Wednesday, April 5, 2006
Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Thursday, April 6, 2006
Zone Oratorical Contest
Hosted by Timonium Optimists

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
April 21-23, 2006
Third Quarter District Board Meeting/Conference and Oratorical Contest Finals at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland

Visit our Club's web site, www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org, for updated information on our Club's Activities.

President Carol Dunstan Has Back Surgery!

Carol Dunstan, our Club President, had back surgery on Monday, February 20, 2006. She was released from St. Joseph's hospital on Thursday evening, February 23. She is recovering at Future Home, 12900 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix, MD 21121. As we go to press we're not sure if she is ready to accept phone calls or visitors, so we'll say cards would be appropriate until we have further information indicating that she is really for calls and visitors.

For updated information about President Carol, you can contact Dave Ward at 410-666-0086 or cdauidward@aol.com.

Looking Back at February— A Busy Month

Wed., Feb. 1—Club/Board Meeting. Reports on January's activities were presented and plans for future activities were reviewed and discussed.

Sat., Feb. 4—We participated in three activities. **MDSD District Board Meeting/Conference at the Freedom District Optimist Club's Community Center in Eldersburg, MD.** President Carol Dunstan, and members Carol Applegate, Ann Lane, and Dennis Lane represented GJOC at the meeting. In addition to meeting, greeting, and sharing ideas with Optimists from other Clubs around our District, those present participated in the business meeting, round table discussions, and games. **Immediate Past District Governor, Gary Shultz presented our Club's sixth consecutive Honor Club award.** We received an Honor Club President's Pin for Past President Mary Lu Hartley, certificates for Treasurer Fred Figlewski, and Secretary Adam Drescher, and an Honor Club patch for our Club banner.

Bingo With the Kids at Villa Maria. Chair Carol Porcher reports that over 60 kids attended and played Bingo. Everyone had a great time. Thank you to Kevin Alban, Sue Gilmore, Mary Lu Hartly, Lyal Peyton, Steve Porcher, Bonnie Shaw, and Tricia Watkeys who helped set up, served snacks, helped the kids with their bingo numbers, called out winners, and cleaned up afterwards. We also thank Kevin for bringing the PA system which was used to call numbers.

MATCHCOUNTS at Perry Hall Middle School. This was a new activity for our Club. Mike Borowitz, Barb Crain, Tom McGrath and Larry Daniels attended the Annual Baltimore/Chesapeake Regional MATHCOUNTS competition for middle school students. They assisted in several areas including student and school registration, proctoring, grading, compiling scores, and trophy presentations.

Judge Daniels even got to serve as a judge. It was fun to see a bunch of smart kids working and having fun. The most exciting part was the "countdown round" where participants went head to head in a seeded tournament buzzing in to see who could come up with the first correct answer. The problems were projected for the audience to see, so you could see how you did compared to the kids.

The top individuals and schools are now headed to the state championship which will take place from **9:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 4 at Johns Hopkins University.** They would like to have 4-6 volunteers to help with various aspects of the program. You don't need to be there for the whole thing. **If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mike Borowitz (410-785-0410 or mborowit@jhmi.edu) to let him know.** Mike will provide a map, directions, and a schedule, before the event.

Sat., Feb. 18—Annual Valentine Activity. Chair Fan Betty reports that thirteen members/spouses and four guests attended the dinner theatre production of "Phantom of the Opera" at Oregon Ridge Dinner Theatre and had a very enjoyable evening.



Optimist International Essay Contest

The deadline for our Club's Contest was **Tuesday, January 31, 2006.** Contest Chair, Carol Applegate reports that we received five entries. Our Club's winning entry has been entered in the Maryland South Delaware Optimist District Contest. Our Club's winning essay writer will be invited to read their essay on the evening of our Club's Oratorical Contest, March 23, 2006.



Optimist International Oratorical Contest

Our Club's Oratorical Contest will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2006, at a location to be announced. The 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 . . .**" Applications and contest rules can be printed from our Club's web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, March 1, 2006. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Oratorical Contest, contact Contest Chair **Mary Lu Hartley at 410-357-9873 or luhartley@aol.com or leave a message at our Club's number, 410-592-7067.**

**Greater Jacksonville
Independence Day Celebration
Saturday, July 1, 2006**

Together Everyone Achieves More!



Stock Market Challenge 2006

The postmark deadline for Stock Market Challenge 2006, our Club's major fundraiser for our youth and community projects, is Tuesday, February 28, 2006. We have received a total of 160 entries on our way to our minimum goal of 360+ entries.

As we move toward the deadline, all members are encouraged to:

1. Personally participate in SMC 2006;
2. Invite your friends, relatives, co-workers, who have participated in SMC in the past, to participate in SMC 2006;
3. Invite others to participate in SMC 2006.

The key words leading to our success are "Just Ask!" We know 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, the easiest way to obtain them is to visit our Club's web site, www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org, and print the Brochure/Entry form from the web site. If you have any questions, contact Bill Litsinger at 410-592-7945 or ej88lits@comcast.net.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself —

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

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



YOUR CANS ARE NEEDED! Every can counts. Please save them to help the kids! We'll go to the recycler again in March. 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](mailto:DennisLane@410-592-2574) at 410-592-2574 or 410-592-7067.



Happy Birthday

Donald Bennett—2/25
David Page—3/28
Harry Kolodner—3/29



Happy Anniversary

Liz & Hans Jonsson—2/29
Bonnie & Kevin Shaw—3/17

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](mailto:BarbaraCrain@410-785-0410) at 410-785-0410 or bcrain@jhmi.edu or visit our Club's web site—
www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org

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



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