



# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL  
*Friend of Youth*

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*Optimist International Mission Statement—By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.*

## CALENDAR

**Fri. Evening/Sat, November 13-14, 2009**

Maryland/South Delaware District Board Meeting/Conference  
Plaza Hotel—Hagerstown, MD

**Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009**

Youth Appreciation Dinner  
6:15 PM at St. Johns Lutheran Church on Sweet Air Rd.

**Thursday, November 19, 2009**

Serve Family Supper at the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins  
6:00 PM

**Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009**

Club/Board Meeting  
7:30 PM at Future Home

**Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009**

Shop With a Cop  
7:00 AM Optimistst Arrive at Walmart 7:30 AM Children and Cops Arrive

**Sunday, December 13, 2009**

Holiday Open House & Club Giftwrapping Party to Wrap Gifts for Our Adopted Families  
2:00 PM at Future Home Annex

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

Club/Board Meeting  
7:30 PM at Future Home

**Wednesday, January 20, 2010**

Dinner Meeting—Stock Market Challenge 2010 Kickoff  
6:15 PM at Future Home Annex

**Saturday, January 16, 2010**

Essay Contest Deadline



## Youth Appreciation Dinner Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2009

**St. Johns Lutheran Church**

3911 Sweet Air Road  
Phoenix, MD 21131

6:15 PM Social

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Program

See enclosed flyer for reservation details



## Local Youth to be Honored at Youth Appreciation Dinner

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's 2009-2010 Outstanding Youth Awards, which honor youth for their efforts in the arts, athletics, academics, and community service will be presented to several high school seniors at the Annual Youth Appreciation dinner on **Wednesday, November 18**. You, your family, and friends are invited to attend and join in recognizing these outstanding youth. A reservation form is enclosed with this newsletter and is also available on GJOC's web site—[www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org).

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Youth Appreciation Program, please contact **Dave Ward** at **410-666-0086** or [cdavidward@aol.com](mailto:cdavidward@aol.com).



## Shop With a Cop

The Shop With a Cop Project is scheduled for **Saturday, December 12, 2009**, at the Wal Mart Super Center on York Road in Cockeysville. Optimists will meet at 7:00 AM to prepare for the arrival of 100 Police Officers and children who will arrive in Baltimore County Police vehicles, one child per Police Officer, around 7:30 AM.

Cockeysville, Greater Jacksonville, Hereford, Timonium, and Towson University Optimists will greet the officers and children as they arrive at Wal Mart. The officers will assist the children with their shopping and the Optimists will bag and tag their purchases as they checkout at registers assigned to the Shop With a Cop shoppers. The children will also have the opportunity to have their gifts wrapped.

Following shopping, the children and Police Officers will go to the Outback Steakhouse in Hunt Valley Towne Center for breakfast served by Outback employees who have volunteered to come in early to participate in the project.

The Optimist Clubs involved are working hard to raise \$10,000 for this project so each child will have \$100 to spend. Greater Jacksonville Optimist members, family, and friends are invited to participate. If you would like to make a donation and/or volunteer to assist at the store, please contact **President Barbara Crain** at **410-785-0410** or [bcrain@jhmi.edu](mailto:bcrain@jhmi.edu).

Visit GJOC's web site, [www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org), for updated information on our Club's Activities.

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**CLUB/BOARD  
MEETINGS**

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

**Club Youth and  
Community Service Activities  
are held throughout the year**

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## Sweet Air Park Playground

Gina Vitrano and Jennifer Hazlehurst, members of a local Mom's Club and "Our Children's Playground" committee gave an interesting presentation at our dinner meeting in October about the plans for the playground to be built at the new Sweet Air Park being built in Jacksonville.

When asked how our club could assist with the project they gave us the following Wish List:

1. Rubber Surfacing (currently set for wood mulch) ~ Estimated cost \$35-40K
2. Archway for playground with name, "Our Children's Playground" ~ Estimated cost \$28K
3. Additional benches ~ Estimated cost per bench \$430
4. Butterfly 32" x 20" (individual families or groups may purchase to dedicate to a lost loved one) ~ Estimated cost \$500

They added that these estimates may change as the county has been working to find other alternatives to help them reduce costs.

We can discuss this at future meetings and decide how we would like to assist with this project for children in Jacksonville.



## Optimist International Scholarship Essay

### Contest—

**Who:** Youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2009.

**What:** 500 word essay on "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?"

**Rules & Entry Form:** On our website at [www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org).

**Deadline:** Saturday, January 16, 2010.  
(Note the deadline has been changed.)

## 2009-2010 Dues

Dues invoices for the October 1, 2009—September 30, 2010 Optimist year were mailed to all members in October.

Thank you to everyone who has already responded and paid their dues. Your quick response is appreciated.

If you haven't yet paid your dues, please mail your check to Treasurer Pam McCollum.

Thank you very much.

## 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

## Save Your Aluminum Cans to Benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign

Please continue to save your aluminum cans to benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Please Bring your cans to any club meeting or contact Dennis Lane (410-592-25674 or [djlane@juno.com](mailto:djlane@juno.com)) to make other arrangements.



## Gift Wrapping at Villa Maria

We'll be wrapping gifts for the children at Villa Maria in December. As soon as the wrapping dates are announced we'll let you know.



Visit our Club's web site, [www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org), for updated information on our Club's Activities.

# Looking Back--



**October Dinner Meeting—**

Above left: Pam McCollum and Mary Lu Hartley enjoy the meeting. Above right: Greater Jacksonville President Barbara Crain (r.) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Gina Vitrano and Jennifer Hazlehurst both of a local Mom's Club. The two young women came to our meeting to share information about the playground project at the future Sweet Air Park and Recreation Center. At right Carol Porcher and Mike Borowitz at the meeting.



**Villa Maria Fair—**Barbara Crain and Gail Calleri serve lunch to participants in the Villa Fair at Villa Maria School. Both Greater Jacksonville and Towson University Optimists helped out at the big event. 'Twas fun for ALL!

**Happy Birthday**

- Bill Hauck -11/7
- Chad Casserly - 11/13
- Shon McCollum -11/15
- Stephen Watkeys -11/17



**Happy Anniversary**

- Carol and Steve Porcher - 11/23
- Pam and Shon McCollum - 11/27
- Dave and Terrie Gilmore - 11/30
- Orville & Eleanor Hughes - 12/08

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**Villa Maria Fair**—These TU Optimists enjoyed working with the students at Villa Maria. They played basketball and made crafts with the youngsters. The theme for this year's fair was "Halloween"—thus, Club Advisor Dennis Lane's shirt at left.

## TU Optimist Club



**New Members**—Towson University Optimists recently welcomed a group of new members into their club.

### **Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins**

Left:—Jill North stirs up the pasta as Maggie Constantine gets ready to serve garlic bread to the residents of the Children's House. TU members have been quite busy during the past two months conducting service projects and raising funds to do their tasks.



The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's  
**Stock Market Challenge 2010**  
**is Coming Soon!**

Look for it in January!

**Together Everyone Achieves More!**



**Reminder—  
Deadline for Entries is  
Saturday, January 16, 2010!**

## Optimist International 2009-2010

### College Scholarship Essay Contest Sponsored locally by the **Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc.**

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**Who:** Youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2009

**Topic:** "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?"

**Length:** 400-500 Words

**When:** Now Through January 16, 2010

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club Essay Contest Entries must be received by  
January 16, 2010

**Maryland South Delaware District Award  
First Place District Winner--\$2,500 Scholarship**

**Optimist International Awards  
First Place Winner--\$6,000 Scholarship  
Second Place Winner--\$3,750 Scholarship  
Third Place Winner--\$2,250 Scholarship**

To obtain an entry form and contest rules visit  
[www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org)

For More Information Contact  
**The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club at 410-592-7067 or  
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Each Optimist District conducts an Essay contest beginning at the Club level. Essays are entered and judged at the Club level and each Club's winning Essay advances to their District's contest. Each District's winning Essay is entered in the Optimist International Essay contest.

### Optimist International Mission

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