



# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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**OPTIMIST**  
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Friend of Youth

410-592-7067

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

## CALENDAR

### Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009

#### Shop With a Cop

7:00 AM Optimists Arrive at Wal Mart on York Rd. in Cockeysville  
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

### Sunday, December 20, 2009

Gift Wrapping at Villa Maria School on Dulaney Valley Rd.  
12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM

### Friday, January 1, 2010

Happy New Year!

### Wednesday, January 6, 2010

#### Club/Board Meeting

7:30 PM at Future Home

### Saturday, January 16, 2010

Annual Optimist Bull Roast Martins West—Food, Fun, Games, etc. For Tickets Contact Dennis Lane—410-592-2574

### Saturday, January 16, 2010

#### Essay Contest Deadline

### Wednesday, January 20, 2010

#### Dinner Meeting—Stock

#### Market Challenge 2010

#### Kickoff

6:15 PM at Future Home Annex

### Fri. Evening/Sat, February

#### 5-6, 2010

Maryland/South Delaware District Second Quarter Board Meeting/Conference

Holiday Inn—Waldorf, MD



## Annual Adopt a Family for the Holiday Season Project



Our Annual Adopt a Family for the Holiday Season Project is underway. We have adopted several families for the Holiday Season and have a list of the family members and their needs and requests for gifts.

**Dave Ward** is coordinating the list so that all requests are covered and so that we don't have duplications. Thank you to everyone who has already contacted Dave and selected gifts to purchase. We still have a need for several more gifts for our adopted families. **Urgent! If you have not yet contacted Dave (410-666-0086) please do so right away and select gifts to purchase.**

We are also providing a food basket for each family. Please donate non-perishable food items for the baskets. If you prefer to donate cash for the food items, please make your check payable to GJOC and the funds will be used to purchase gift cards at grocery stores in the neighborhoods where the families live.

### GJOC Open House and Holiday Gift Wrapping Party

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Beginning at 2:00 PM  
Future Home Annex  
(The Barn)

Please bring your unwrapped gifts and food items to the **GJOC Open House and gift wrapping party**. We'll have a holiday party, wrap the gifts for our adopted families, and prepare them for delivery during the following week. It will be a fun afternoon!

If you are unable to attend the Open House, please make arrangements with Dave to have your gifts there for wrapping. Thank You All Very Much!



### Shop With a Cop

Saturday

December 12, 2009

Wal Mart Super Center on York Rd.

Optimists arrive 7:00 PM

Cops & Kids arrive 7:30 PM

Please contact President Barbara to let her know you will be there!



### Gift Wrapping gifts for

for kids at Villa Maria

Sunday, December 20, 2009

12 Noon - 8:00 PM

Villa Maria School

Drop in any time during the day and stay as long as you like. Please contact VP Carol Porcher if you would like to help!



## Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!



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

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**TALMAR Christmas Trees & Wreaths**

TALMAR (Therapeutic Alternatives of Maryland), a nonprofit organization established to provide a therapeutic and recreational environment offering horticulture and other complementary modalities to the community, has **premium quality Fraser Fir trees, hand-made wreaths, garland, and miniature tabletop trees available during the holiday season.** TALMAR is located at 1994 Cromwell Bridge Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234. Their holiday hours are: Mon.-Thurs. 10-5, Friday-Saturday 10-6, and Sunday 1-5.

All of the proceeds of the holiday Christmas tree and wreath sale will support their programs and services to support their work with individuals with disabilities.

You can order Christmas decorative items



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on line at [www.talmar.org](http://www.talmar.org). For additional information call 410-825-2020.

**Looking Ahead!**

**MDS District Board Meeting/Conference Feb. 5/6 in Waldorf—** Meet Optimists from other Clubs, share ideas, learn, and have fun! Registration form is on our web site.

**Stock Market Challenge 2010—**Now is the time to make a list of people to invite to participate and support our youth & community projects.

**Valentine's Day—Feb. 14, 2010—** Do you have an idea for a club social activity to celebrate Valentine's Day? Call a Board Member to let them know!

**Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration—Sat., June 26, 2010**  
Mark your calendar now!

**2009-2010 Optimist International Scholarship Contests**

**Essay Contest—The deadline for entries in our Club's Essay contest is Saturday, January 16, 2010.**



Participants, youth under the age of 19 on December 31, 2009, are writing a 500 word essay on the topic **"The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?"**, following the guidelines provided by Optimist International.

Our Club's winning Essay will be entered in the Maryland/South Delaware District Contest. The winner of the District Contest wins a \$2,500 scholarship and is entered in the Optimist International Contest. First Place winner in the OI Contest wins a \$6,000, second place \$3,750, and third place \$2,250.

**Oratorical Contest—**

Our Club's contest will be on March 25, 2010, followed by the Zone 9 Contest on April 15, 2010, and the MDS District Finals May 1-2, 2010, in Ocean City, Maryland. Participants, youth under the age of 16 on December 31, 2009, will speak for 4-5 minutes on the topic **"Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem."** **Deadline for entries is Wednesday, March 3, 2010.**

To obtain an application and/or additional information about both contests visit [www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org) or call 410-592-7067.



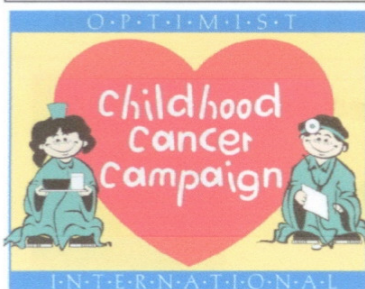
**Keep the Cans Coming!**

Please continue to save your aluminum cans to benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign. **Bring your cans to any club meeting or contact Dennis Lane (410-592-2574 or [djlane@juno.com](mailto:djlane@juno.com)) to make other arrangements.** (See pictures on page 3.)

**2009-2010 Dues**



Thank you to all GJOC members who have paid their dues. If you haven't paid yet, please send your check to Treasurer Pam McCollum, 493 Copeland Rd., Fallston, MD 21047.



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# Looking Back--



## Youth Appreciation Dinner

It was a very enjoyable evening on November 18, 2009, as we honored six local high school seniors for their talents in the arts, athletics, academics, and for contributions to their community. The students were nominated by leaders of area churches and Optimist Club members.

Each honoree was introduced to the group by their nominator and then received an Outstanding Youth Award, \$50, and a copy of the book, **Success for Teens** by the Editors of the SUCCESS Foundation presented by President Barbara Crain.



**Youth Appreciation Honorees (L. to R.)**—Madeline Figlewski, Dulaney High School; Adrienne Hull, Notre Dame Prep; Sarah Littleton, Notre Dame Prep; Paul Steindler, Loch Raven High School; and Kenneth Naylor, Dulaney High School. Not pictured is Devin McDonnell, Boys Latin School, who was unable to attend.

## Family Supper at the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins



Pictured at the Children's House (L.-R.) are Ann Lane, Gail Calleri, and Dennis Lane.

Periodically, a group of Greater Jacksonville Optimists visits the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins to serve a Family Supper to the families of children being treated at Johns Hopkins. Thank you to Ann, Gail, and Dennis who served Roma's fried chicken, salads, and dessert to the families on November 19.

## Where Do All Those Aluminum Cans Go That We Recycle?



Adam Drescher unloads 181 pounds of cans at the recycler on Nov. 28.



Thank you to everyone who collects cans for our Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign. Once we receive the cans, we crush them for storage and transporting purposes and when we have a minimum of 100 pounds we recycle them for which we receive cash which is donated to the Childhood Cancer Campaign to support the Optimist Research Fellowship in Pediatric Oncology at Johns Hopkins. The funds we receive are matched by Past Optimist International President, Jim Hubbard in Severna Park, MD.

Optimist Clubs in Maryland have recycled over 20,000 pounds of cans and raised over \$20,000 for the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

## Happy Birthday



- Lyal Peyton - 12/4
- Carol Dunstan - 12/5
- John Littleton - 12/7
- Sue Goetz - 12/8
- Mike Borowitz - 12/9
- Glen Thomas - 12/13
- Bob Rigger - 12/17
- Dave Ward - 12/24
- Ashby Shanks - 12/30



## Happy Anniversary



- Orville & Eleanor Hughes - 12/08
- Mike Borowitz & Barbara Crain - 12/29
- Bob & Dink Rigger - 01/06

## Congratulations



Special congratulations go out to Alex Figlewski for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Way to go Alex! Thanks for all your help with Optimist projects. It is appreciated.

Alex is the son of GJOC member Fred Figlewski & Laura.

# Together Everyone Achieves More!

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# TU Optimist Club



## Wrapping Up!

Although it was raining buckets outside, December 2nd was a magical night at the TU Optimist Club Meeting. The Club's members had gone shopping and brought their purchases in for their Adopt A Family Project for wrapping. Teamwork, laughter, and a feeling of accomplishment prevailed. Winter Break starts Dec. 19th! HAVE A GRREEAATT AND OPTIMISTIC HOLIDAY TU Optimists!!!!!!



## 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.

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Plan to attend the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's  
**Stock Market Challenge 2010**  
**Kickoff Dinner Meeting**

January 20, 2010!

**Together Everyone Achieves More!**