

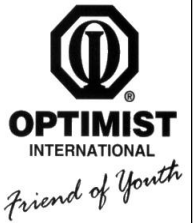


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Optimist International Mission Statement—By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Chinese Cultural Exchange
Program Farewell Party
Oregon Ridge 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

TU Optimist Club Oratorical
Contest Rm 203 Smith Hall
6:30 PM

Friday, March 30, 2012

SMC 2012 Midpoint

Sunday, April 1, 2012

TU Optimist Club Flapjack
Breakfast Fundraiser at
Applebees Padonia
8:00 AM—10:00 AM

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

GJOC HOBY Wine Tasting
Event at Future Home Annex

Wednesday, April 13, 2012

Zone 6 Oratorical Contest
Forest Park Golf Course Cub
House 6:30 PM

Fri./Sat., April 20-21 2012

Towson University American
Cancer Society Relay for Life
7:00 PM—&:00 AM at the
Towson Center

Fri.-Sun. April 27-29, 2012

Third Quarter MDSD District
Board Meeting/Conference &
District Oratorical Finals
Carousel Hotel in Ocean City,
Maryland



**37th Annual Jacksonville
Independence Day
Celebration
Saturday, June 30, 2012**

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club Wine Tasting and Dinner to Benefit the HOBY Maryland Leadership Seminar

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Future Home Annex—The Barn

12900 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix, MD 21131

6:00 PM Social

6:30 PM How Glass Shape Affects Wine

7:00 PM Dinner

\$25.00 Per Person

RSVP to Carol Applegate—caapplegate@jhmi.edu



Mr. Doug Cohn, from CT, representing Riedel Crystal, USA, will demonstrate how the shape of the glass can change the bouquet of the wine. The wine will be provided by Mr. Greg Van Suetendael representing Bacchus. Both Doug and Greg have HOBY connections. Doug's daughter will attend the CT HOBY Seminar this year. Greg's daughter previously attended the MD HOBY Seminar. Greg is the program chair for the 2012 MD HOBY Seminar May 24-27 at Mt. St. Mary's University. All funds raised at the Wine Tasting and Dinner will be used to support the 2012 MD HOBY Seminar.



Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club Oratorical Contest



Seven girls and seven boys participated in GJOC's 28th Annual Oratorical Contest held at St. James Academy on March 14, 2012. The youth spoke on the topic, "How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles."

The Girls' Contest winners (l. to r.) are 2nd—Catherine Keirn, 3rd—Jennifer Bienert and 1st—Colleen Campbell, all from Our Lady of Grace School.

The Boys' Contest winners (l. to r.) are 3rd—Garrett Beck, 2nd—Michael Horn, both from St. James Academy, and 1st—Joshua Beach from Our Lady of Grace School.

Colleen Campbell and Joshua Beach will represent GJOC in the Zone 6 Contest on April 13, 2012. The winner of the Zone 6 Contest will compete in the Maryland/South Delaware District Contest on April 27-29, 2012, in Ocean City, MD. The boy and girl winner of the District Contest will each receive a \$2,500 College Scholarship from the Optimist International Foundation.



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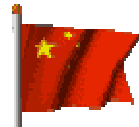
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**CLUB/BOARD
MEETINGS**

First Tuesday 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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Chinese Cultural Exchange Program Farewell Party

Thirty-eight (38) students from First Railway Middle School in Xi'an, China, have been hosted by families from several Baltimore County High Schools including Dulaney, Hereford, Patapsco, Owings Mills, Perry Hall, and Towson High schools, for the past two months.

As the students prepare to return to China the Cockeysville, Greater Jacksonville, Hereford, and Timonium Optimist Clubs are participating in a [Farewell Party for the students from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM on Tuesday evening, March 27, 2012, at Oregon Ridge](#). The party will be attended by the exchange students and teachers and their host families. It will be a fun evening featuring a picnic supper, entertainment by the students, and a presentation of gifts to the students.

GJOC members are invited to **attend and assist at the Farewell Party. Please contact GJOC member Fred Figlewski (410-785-1785 or ffiglewski@comcast.net) to let him know that you would like to attend.** Please plan to arrive at between 5:30 PM & 6:00 PM to assist with set-up and stay afterward to help with clean-up..



Stock Market Challenge 2012

Thank you to everyone who entered Stock Market Challenge 2012, the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's largest fund raiser for youth and community service projects. The Club appreciates your support.

There are 273 entries in SMC 2012. Each participant selected a portfolio of five stocks from the SMC 2012 stocks which they will follow for two months.

The Challenge runs from March 1, 2012, to April 30, 2012. Prizes will be awarded to the participants whose portfolios have grown the most by the March 30, the mid-point of the Challenge, and those that have grown the most by April 30, the final day of the Challenge.

MATHCOUNTS

Thank you to GJOC members Mike Borowitz, Sue Gilmore, Mary Lu Hartley, and Dennis Lane for assisting at the MathCounts State competition at Johns Hopkins University on Saturday, March 17, 2012.

Students from 50+ Middle Schools across the State of Maryland participated in the annual state competition.

The top four Maryland students and the top team coach will represent Maryland in the National competition at Disney World.

Mark Your Calendar!

Zone 6 Oratorical Contest
Friday Evening, April 13, 2012
Forest Park Golf Course
Club House

Ocean City Here We Come!

**The Third Quarter
Maryland/South Delaware
District Board Meeting/
Conference and
District Oratorical Contest**

**Friday - Sunday
April 27 - 29, 2012**

**Carousel Hotel
Ocean City, Maryland**

**Reservation Forms are
available on**

www.mdsdoptimist.org

Join the Fun!

[Happy Birthday](#)

**Dick Frye - 03/20
David Page - 03/28
Harry Kolodner - 03/29**



Save Your Cans for the Kids!

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GJOC in Action!



GJOC Secretary Mike Borowitz (l) presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Bobby Prigel for speaking at the February 29, 2012, GJOC Club meeting about the Prigel Family farm and Creamery in Glen Arm.

Families of the Essay Contest Winners and GJOC members enjoyed an ice cream social after Mr. Prigel's talk.



2012 GJOC Essay Contest Winners



The winners of the 2012 Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's 2012 Essay Contest—(l. to r.) 3rd—Daniela Rice, Timonium; 2nd—Maribeth Anderson, Phoenix; and 1st—Amy Shapiro, Phoenix. All are students at Dulaney High School.



GJOC Oratorical Contest Thank You!

- ◆ Contestants for sharing your thoughts with us
- ◆ Coaches and Teachers for preparing the contestants
- ◆ Parents and Family Members for your support
- ◆ Judges and Timekeepers for your participation
- ◆ St. James Academy for the use of your facilities.



Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore!

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Towson University Optimist Club



Oratorical Contest
 Wednesday, March 28, 2012
 6:30 PM
 Room 203
 Smith Hall



Applebee's
 Enjoy a short stack
 for a tall cause.

You're invited to an
Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast
 to support the TU Optimistic Tigers Relay for Life Team

WHEN: Sunday, April 1, 2012

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Applebees Padonia

2450 Broad Avenue

Timonium, MD 21093

Contact President Jessica Ross for tickets

jross4@students.towson.edu



Please Support
 the TU Optimistic Tigers
 Relay for Life Team
 7:00 PM Friday, April 20-
 7:00 AM Saturday April 21, 2012

To follow the progress of their team and/or to make a donation to their team go to www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org and click on the link to the TU Optimistic Tigers team page. Thank you for your support!



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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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Together Everyone Achieves More!