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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 Happenings

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Club/Board Meeting—7:30 PM at Future Home, Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the Club's decision making process.

Saturday, December 14, 2013

Optimists from the Cockeysville, Greater Jacksonville, Hereford,



Shop With a Cop

Timonium, and Towson University Optimist Clubs will greet 110 Baltimore County Police Officers and 110 children who will arrive in Baltimore County Police vehicles at the Wal Mart Super Center on York Road in Cockeysville for the **Annual Shop With a Cop** project. Our Club donated \$1,000 to support this project. Each child will have a \$100 gift card to use to purchase gifts. All GJOC members are invited to participate. **Please plan to arrive at 7:30 AM to prepare for the arrival of the kids and police officers.** Please let Dennis Lane know (410-592-2574, 410-592-7067, or djlane@juno.com) if you plan to attend.

Sunday, December 15, 2013

3:00 PM at Future Home Annex (The Barn)

GJOC Annual Open House and Holiday Gift Wrapping Party

St. Vincent's Villa is not doing the gifts for families this year so we are in the process of planning another Club project to take the place of our gifts for the families project. It may involve other families, collecting food for local food banks, or purchasing games & gift cards for local fast food restaurants to be given to the kids at St. Vincent's Villa throughout the coming year. The final decision will be made at the Club/Board meeting on Tuesday, December 3. If you have ideas to share, please attend the meeting or contact GJOC Director Dave Ward at 410-666-0086 or cdavidward@aol.com.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013

11:00 AM—3:00 PM

Villa Maria Schools Holiday Festival

You are invited to assist at the festival. An Art Galley and Village Shops will be open from 11:00 AM—3:00 PM. Children from all of the Villa Maria campuses will perform in a concert beginning at 12:30 PM. You are welcome to participate even if you can only come for a couple of hours. This is a new activity for us. Please let Dennis Lane know (410-592-2574, 410-592-7067, or djlane@juno.com) if you can attend.

Friday, December 20, 2013

You are invited to join the fun wrapping gifts for the children at St. Vincent's Villa any time on **Friday, December 20 from 9:00 AM—8:00 PM** or **Saturday, December 21 from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM.** The goal is to have everything finished on Friday. Please contact GJOC Vice President Carol Porcher at H 410-357-4717, W 410-666-0008 or carol.porcher@pnc.com to let her know that you would like to participate.

Wanted Santa's Helpers for Gift Wrapping at St. Vincent's Villa

Thursday, January 9, 2014—Club/Board Meeting—7:30 PM at Future Home,

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the Club's decision making process. **Note: The meeting day change to Thursday.**



Looking Ahead!

MATHCOUNTS—Sat., Feb. 1, 2014 Regional competition for middle school students at Perry Hall High School..

MDSD District Board Meeting/Conference Feb. 7-9, 2014, at Sheraton Hotel in Annapolis, MD.—Meet Optimists from other Clubs, share ideas, learn, and have fun! Reg. form is on web site.

Stock Market Challenge 2014—Now is the time to make a list of people to invite to participate.

Valentine's Day—Feb. 14, 2014—Do you have an idea for a club social activity to celebrate Valentine's Day? Call a Board Member to let them know!

Bingo with the Kids at St. Vincent's Villa—Sat., Feb. 22, 2014—This is always a fun activity with the kids.

GJOC Oratorical Contest—Thurs., March 11, 2014 at St. James Academy.

Jacksonville's 38th Annual Independence Day Celebration—

Sat., June 28, 2014



Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!



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and Directors**

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**CLUB/BOARD
MEETINGS**

First Thursday 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

Jacksonville Jottings Editors
Dennis & Ann Lane
410-592-2574 or
djlane@juno.com

**You are invited to attend the
GJOC's Stock Market Challenge
2014 Kickoff Dinner Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2014!**



The Stock Market Challenge (SMC) is the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's largest fund raiser for youth and community service projects.

SMC 2014 kicks off at the club's dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2014. Members will prepare the SMC 2014 packets that will be mailed to over 400 people who have participated previously.

Each SMC participant will select five different stocks from the list of 53 stocks on the entry form which will then be set up in a portfolio with \$2,000 of each of their five stocks for a total portfolio value of \$10,000, based on stock prices at the close of the markets on Friday, February 28, 2014. The SMC is a competition to see whose portfolios perform the best over the months of March and April. Prizes will be awarded at the midpoint and at the end.

The SMC is a simulation and no money is invested in stocks. SMC participants are actually making a donation supporting GJOC's youth and community activities

The postmark deadline for SMC 2014 entries is Friday, February 28, 2014. SMC 2014 will run from Monday, March 3 through Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

Now is the time to make a list of people you would like to invite to participate.

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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Inkjet & Toner Cartridge Recycling

Please Save Your Inkjet and Toner Cartridges for Recycling to help reduce GJOC's printing expenses. You can give them to Barbara Crain or Dennis Lane. Thank you!

Happy Anniversary

Pam and Shon McCollum - 11/27
Dave and Terrie Gilmore - 11/30
Orville & Eleanor Hughes - 12/08
Mike & Barbara Borowitz - 12/29

Happy Birthday

Lyal Peyton - 12/04
John Littleton - 12/07
Mike Borowitz—12/09
Glen Thomas - 12/13
Bob Rigger - 12/17
Dave Ward - 12/24
Ashby Shanks - 12/30



**The answer
might surprise
you!**

GJOC 2013-2014 Dues

Thank you to all GJOC members who have paid their October 1, 2013-September 30, 2014, dues. If you haven't paid yet, please send your check to the Club's PO Box. Thank you!



Save Your Cans for the Kids!



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2013-2014

College Scholarship Essay Contest

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410-592-7067

Who: Youth under the age of 19, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent.

Topic: "How Dreams Lead to success"

Length: 700-800 Words

When: Now Through Friday, January 24, 2014

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club Essay Contest Entries

must be received by

Friday, January 24, 2014

(Please mail essay to the address above)

Maryland South Delaware District Award

First Place District Winner--\$2,500 Scholarship

To obtain an entry form and contest rules visit

www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org

For More Information Contact

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club at

410-592-7067 or djlane@juno.com

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.

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Who: Youth under the age of 19, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent

Topic: “How My Passions Impact the World”

Length: Four to Five Minutes

When: **Greater Jacksonville Optimist Oratorical Contest**

Tuesday Evening, March 11, 2014, 6:45 PM

at St. James Academy in Monkton, Maryland

Zone 6 Contest

Sunday afternoon/evening, March 30, 2014, at Towson University

Maryland South Delaware District of Optimist International Contest

April 25 - April 27, 2014 at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, MD

District Boy Winner--\$2,500 Scholarship

District Girl Winner--\$2,500 Scholarship

For Contest Entry Form and Rules

Visit www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org or call 410-592-7067

The Optimist International Oratorical Contest began in 1928. The Greater Jacksonville Optimists began their participation in the Oratorical Contest in the Spring of 1985. Each Optimist District conducts competitions beginning at the local Club level. Club boy and girl winners advance to their local Zone Contest and the Zone boy and girl winners advance to the District contest where the District boy and girl winners each receive a \$2,500 college scholarship.

Students from the Greater Jacksonville area, under the age of 19, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent, are invited to participate in our contest. The first place boy and girl winners of our contest will compete in the Zone 6 contest with the winners from the Cherry Hill, Cockeysville, Hereford, Northwest Baltimore, Timonium, Towson University, and Woodlawn/Gwynn Oak Optimist Clubs. The Zone 6 winners will compete with the winners from the other five Zones in the Maryland South Delaware District Contest.

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