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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

Thursday, December 4, 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.



Shop With a Cop

Saturday, December 13, 2014 7:30 AM at Wal Mart in Cockeysville

Optimists from the Cockeysville, Greater Jacksonville, Hereford, 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. **GJOC 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 Barbara Crain (410-785-0410 or bcrain@jhmi.edu) if you plan to attend.

You are Invited to the GJOC Annual Open House and Christmas and Holiday Project Party

Saturday, December 13, 2014 2:00 PM—4:00 PM at The Barn

Members, Family, and friends are invited to attend the party. Please RSVP to Dave Ward (410-666-0086 or cdavidward@aol.com) to let him know you will attend.

The GJOC Board of Directors approved a new Holiday Project for the Club— assisting the **Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins**—and everyone is invited to participate. Dennis Lane volunteered to coordinate the project.

The Optimist Clubs in the MDS District, including GJOC, have been serving Family Suppers at the Children's House and assisting them for several years. This facility offers affordable housing for families of pediatric patients who visit the Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Their purpose is to keep families together in the midst of medical crisis, to reduce stress, and promote self-help and mutual support. The house provides a "home-away-from-home," where they can restore their own physical and emotional energies while their child is being treated at Hopkins.

The Children's House has a Holiday Wish List on their web site. Dennis called them and asked which items are most needed now. **A copy of the Wish List is enclosed with the items needed most at this time marked with GJOC.** They include: House Needs; Food for the families; Personal Care Needs; and Gift cards to Safeway, Whole Foods, Target, Wal Mart, and Home Depot (Listed under Recreation Needs).

Please review the list and select some items you would like to donate and bring them to the party. All items collected will be delivered to the Children's House on Dec. 14 or 15. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Lane (410-592-2574, 410-592-7067, or djlane@juno.com). Thank you very much!



Looking Ahead!

Club/Board Meeting—
Thurs., Jan. 8, 2015 at Future Home.

SMC 2015 Kickoff —
Thurs., Jan. 22, 2015 at the Barn.. 6:30 PM. Now is the time to make a list of people to invite to participate.

MATHCOUNTS—Early
Feb. 2015 Date and location will be announced soon.

MDS District Board Meeting/Conference Feb. 6-8, 2015, at Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, MD.—Meet Optimists from other Clubs, share ideas, learn, and have fun! The 2013-2014 awards will be presented..

Valentine's Day—Sat. Feb. 14, 2015—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. 21, 2015—9:30 AM—11:30 AM. This is always a fun activity with the kids.

Jacksonville's 40th Annual Independence Day Celebration—
Sat., June 27, 2015



Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!



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

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

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**You are invited to attend the
GJOC's **Stock Market Challenge**
2015 Kickoff Dinner Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2015!**



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

SMC 2015 kicks off at the club's dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2015. Members will prepare the SMC 2015 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 27, 2015. 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 2015 entries is Friday, February 27, 2015. SMC 2015 will run from Monday, March 2 through Thursday, April 30, 2015.

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.

Optimist International

Inkjet & Toner Cartridge Recycling

Please save your cartridges to help reduce GJOC's printing expenses. Please give them to Barbara Crain or Dennis Lane. You can also assist the Club by using the Club's awards account (410-592-2574) when purchasing items at Staples 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
Bob Rigger - 12/17
Dave Ward - 12/24
Ashby Shanks - 12/30



**The answer
might surprise
you!**

GJOC 2014-2015 Dues

Thank you to all GJOC members who have paid their October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015, dues. If you haven't paid yet, please send your check to the Club's PO Box. Thank you !

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Save Your Cans for the Kids!