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OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Friend of Youth

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

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club Happenings

Happy Anniversary Greater Jacksonville

In September we were 32 years “young”.



Saturday, October 1

First day of the Optimist year 2016-2017! Our new officers started with a plan for service to our community and District. Please contact them with comments, questions and suggestions for the coming year.

Thursday, October 20, 2016 Report

Dinner and Bingo 15 Members and friends joined us for a home-cooked meal and Bingo at the barn clubroom. Thank you to hosts Dave Ward & Joann. Adam was the big “winner” and new member Mary Ann Hand enjoyed the event.

Friday-Sunday November 4-6, 2016

MDSD District Fall Conference Join us at the Radisson North in Timonium. Member meeting is Saturday morning, lunch and training in the afternoon.

Thursday, November 17, 2016

HOBY Night—6:30 PM at The Barn. Carol Applegate will bring dinner (Dutch treat) and HOBY guests. Loyola HS HOBY Alum, Cameron Commodari will speak. Chad Casserly’s grandson, Zander Casserly, attended HOBY from Long Reach HS.

WELCOME new members!

Thomas Snyder from Lutherville, is our MDSD Lt. Governor of Zone 6 and spoke at our meeting on October 6.

Mary Ann Hand, born in NJ of Italian parents, married, has a pretty teen daughter. She has a design background. Works in sales at dermatologist’s office and is a wedding officiate.

Chad Casserly, returning member, retired Human Services and now Assistant Director of the Seven Oaks Sr. Ctr in Perry Hall. His father & grandfather were Optimists. Married to Kathy, they have 4 children and 8 grandchildren, loves golf & chess.



Barbara Crain, COB, is honored with certificate and flowers for her many years of dedicated service to our club on Oct. 6th.



Optimist Essay Contest January 15 deadline

Schools included are Fallston, Towson and others the club may want to solicit. The topic is “**Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges**” for students under the age of 18 by Oct 1 with proof of age by birth certificate or passport. 700 to 800 words. The winner from our club will go onto the District competition for monetary awards. Thank you volunteers Barbara Crain, Pam McCollum and Nancy Neal.



Looking Ahead!

DECEMBER — 12/10

Shop With A Cop

Contribute to the spirit of the season as Optimists and County Police join with Wal-Mart & Outback in providing deserving children with holiday spending money.

GJOC’s Annual Holiday

Party. Saturday 12/17/16.

Barn 1-3pm lunch.

JANUARY — 1/19/17

Stock Market Challenge Kick-Off.

Help get the flyers out for our club’s main fundraiser. Then please participate by buying a \$20 ticket.

Optimists’ Essay Contest for high school students.

January 2017

FEBRUARY —

Math Counts. Volunteers needed to help with this math contest for middle school students.

Planning for Oratorical Contest. We need a chair to have a contest this year.

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

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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS

First Thursday of Each
Month
7:30 PM
FUTURE HOME
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
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**Shopping list for
Believe in Tomorrow Chil-
drens' House FD @ Johns
Hopkins Hospital**

A 15 room, 2 kitchen residence for
families with children receiving
cancer treatments

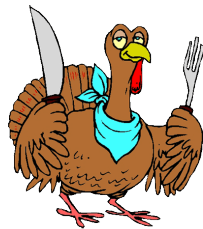
Paper towels, toilet paper, napkins,
paper cups & plates, food wrap,
baggies.

Can goods-soups, spaghetti sauce,
veggies, chili.

Dry goods-noodles, rice or mac &
cheese mixes.

Wal-Mart certificates for shopping
Use your imagination to fill their
pantry for the holidays! Bring
your donations to our Holiday
Celebration Saturday, Decem-
ber 17, 1-3pm.

Happy Thanksgiving
November 24



May your families
be blessed with
good health and
happiness...and
tender turkey!

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself —

To be so strong that nothing can
disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and pros-
perity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that
there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of every-
thing 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 achieve-
ments of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at
all times and give every living crea-
ture you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the im-
provement 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

Still Time to Help Our Young Friend Christine

Thank you to all who have donated to member Fran Betty's granddaughter,
Christine Reider's **Maryland College Investment Plan**. She has volunteered at
many Optimist projects and can use your support. You still have time to donate
so please open your hearts and check books.

Mail to:

Dave Ward
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
Phoenix, MD 21131

Dave Ward attended the Annual Chimes Gala
supporting people with disabilities at the Marriott Inner
Harbor on 10/29. Ray Lewis was the Inspirational Speaker.



Congratulations Orville Hughes

The Jacksonville Senior Center honored local Veterans. Orville Hughes, purple
heart recipient, was part of a 4 man Panel. He was Maryland's 2005 Veteran of
the Year. The picture of him is featured in the book "As I remember
it".

