



# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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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.*

## **REPORT: January 19 Stock Market Challenge**

Thank you to the 16 Optimist volunteers who folded, stuffed and stamped 450 envelopes to past supporters of our SMC fund raiser. Only 189 “played” last year so we need many more to fund our 2017 projects. We had fun eating our pizza, veggies & dip (thanks Carol A) and deserts (thanks Carol P and Dave W).

Please help us to increase sales. Will your chosen five stocks win the big prize of \$750? Or consolation last place \$20? Due date postmarked is February 28. Don't get left out! Envelopes are trickling in. We need your support.

## **REPORT: New Member Installation**

Terri Parrish and Mary Ann Hand were installed as new members on January 19. They were given the new member packet, Optimist International lapel pin and the Greater Jacksonville name badge. Please wear your purple and white with honor! We welcome you to our family of community volunteers.

## **Optimist Essay Contest**

We received 13 entries from Dulaney, Fallston and Notre Dame Prep high schools “Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges” for students under the age of 18. The 700 to 800 word essay will be judged by Terri Parrish, Nancy Neal and Helen Petrich. The top three will attend our March 16 celebration for gift cards rewards and the winner will go onto the MDSD District competition for monetary awards.



## **Math Counts Saturday February 4**

Mike Borowitz & Barbara Crain are recruiting members to attend the county competition at McDonough School. Call for more info 410-785-0410. Spend a morning with some really bright math junior high whizzes. Monitors and score keepers are needed.

**Maryland State Competition:** Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Johns Hopkins University Homewood Campus in Baltimore, MD which includes a free box lunch for volunteers.

## **MDSD Winter Convention February 3-5**

Carol Applegate will represent Greater Jacksonville at the 2nd Quarter Convention in California, MD in St. Mary's County. Lt Gov, Zone 6, Tom Snyder (GJOC member) will present a training session and our motivational speaker will be Rodney Flowers.



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**CLUB MEETINGS**

First Thursday of Month

7:30 PM

FUTURE HOME  
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**Thursday, March 2, Meeting 7:30**

At Dave Ward's house. All are invited. Snacks provided. Come hear the final numbers for SMC and help plan for Independence Day.

**Thursday, March 16 Essay Awards 7:30**

Top 3 essays will be honored. Join us for club updates and a dessert social. Carol Porcher will please your sweet tooth.

**Saturday, March 18 Hereford Bingo****Saturday, April 15 Zone 6 Meeting 1-3:30**

We are hosting lunch. Come join our 7 other clubs in Baltimore County and share the joy of Optimism.

**HELP** We need ideas for a club social or informational meeting with the Ravens Roost!!!!!!! March/April/May timeline.

**Thank you** for your paid dues and to those who gave us a little more. All is appreciated. There are a few more checks we need to see.

**Discussion:** We am dropping the name "Board" from our meetings on the first Thursday. We no longer have a board and a general membership meeting every month. Instead, all are welcome to our first meeting (it has always been open) and most months we have a social or Optimist related speaker or project on the 3rd Thursday or other designated date. Please come out and join us. Suggest new ideas. We are always looking for variety. If there is a meeting/social you wish to attend and need a ride, there may be a member who would swing by and pick you up.

## 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**

Knowledge helps you make a living; wisdom helps you make a life.

**Did you know we have an autobiographer in our midst?**

Orville R. Hughes, Colonel, U.S. Army (RET) wrote of his and his wife Eleanor families, his Army career, retirement and the Baltimore Community Action Agency. IL, Kansas, MD, France, Germany, Korea, Austria, MD, PA, MD—(he kept coming back!)—and that's not including vacations. The book details his 90+ years of activity. The "club" book has passed to me and I will pass it to the next Optimist reader.

Happy Valentines Day

