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

REPORT: MDSD Winter Convention

At the conference Greater Jacksonville was awarded 3rd place in mid-size clubs for A&A (points for projects, communication, recruitment). Way to go!

REPORT: Math Counts Saturday February 4

Mike Borowitz, Barbara Crain, Mary Lu Hartley and Sue volunteered for the county competition at McDonough School as monitors and score keepers. Thank you.



Independence Day Saturday July 1



To get us ready for the Kick Off Meeting on April 6 at 7:30, here are some questions to tickle your mind:

1. What are the first 3 words of the U.S. Constitution?
2. The first 3 articles describe the 3 branches of the U.S. government: what are they?
3. Congress is divided into 2 sections: what are they?
4. How many senators from each state?
5. How long is one term for a House of Representatives member?

Answers on page 3.

*Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 17*



Towson University Club

We are hosting a fundraiser at Panera on Monday March 6th, at 6307 York Rd, Baltimore from 6-9 pm. We would also love to have you attend one of our meetings. Typically, we meet every other Monday from 6:00-7:00 pm. Our meeting takes place on campus in the Psychology building room 208. Next dates are March 13 & 27.

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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of Month

7:30 PM

FUTURE HOME

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REPORT: March 2, Business Meeting

Thank you Dave Ward for providing snacks. SMC numbers are 230 and the last should be in the post box today. All board members were present and we had fun planning for spring.

Thursday, March 16 Essay Awards 7:30

The top 3 essays “Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges” will be honored. Join us for club updates and a dessert social. Carol Porcher will reward your sweet tooth. Winners receive Target gift cards \$100, \$75 and \$50 and framed certificates.



Math Counts 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. Spend a morning with some really bright math junior high whizzes. Contact Mike Borowitz if you want to help. 410-785-0410.

Saturday, March 18 Hereford Optimist Bingo

\$20 before and \$25 at the door of the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department. Mary Ann Hand is taking her daughter and I am taking my granddaughter. Carol P, Dave W and others are joining us.



Saturday, April 15 Zone 6 Meeting 1-3:30 Annex

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 with the Ravens Roost! How about Cinco de Mayo May 5th?

Did you know we have two wedding officiates in our midst?

Dave Ward and Mary Ann Hand! When interviewed, they said:

Dave

Why: friend’s minister (John Waters) backed out and I was asked so I got my credentials
 Unusual: wedding at Senator theater
 Large/small: 250/45
 Comments: 100% are still married!

Mary Ann

it’s an honor to unite 2 people in love—the best part of the wedding
 public park where only 15 could gather. They had 30 & park police asked what kind of car she had (station wagon) to put away the extra 15 chairs!
 bride, groom, dog & photographer
 No matter what happens (groom forgot marriage license) you will be married!

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



April 28–30 MDSD Optimist 3rd Quarter Convention, Ocean City @ Carousel Hotel

\$20 for meetings and the meals & hotel are on your own.

A reason to be Optimistic: there are more museums in the U.S.
than there are McDonald's and Starbucks combined.

Source: Washington Post

Answers from Page 1:

1. "We the people..."
2. legislative, executive and judicial
3. Senate and House of Representatives
4. two senators per state
5. Representatives 2 year term

99th Optimist International Convention

July 6-8 Albuquerque, New Mexico Convention Center

**Congratulations Tricia Lane-Foster, daughter of Dennis & Ann**

The National Art Education Assoc has named Ridge Ruxton educator with a national award for excellence in teaching art to students with special needs! The award will be presented in New York March 2-4. Tricia works with students with intensive special needs from ages 5 to 21. She customizes materials and strategies for each student and focuses on student ability, participation, creativity, and success.

NAEA President Patricia Franklin says "Patricia Lane-Forster exemplifies the highly qualified art educators active in education today: leaders, teachers, students, scholars, and advocates who give their best to their students and the profession." Communications skills are integrated into every activity as she co-teaches with related service providers including speech language, occupational, physical, and vision therapists.

Lane-Forster uses art as a vehicle to bring together students with and without disabilities. For example, last fall, a Pinwheels for Peace project brought Grade 4 students from West Towson Elementary School into Ridge Ruxton for a number of activities. She also serves on the planning committee for the annual Baltimore County Public Schools Very Special Arts Festival, which unites all BCPS students in a daylong celebration of the arts.

Her principal Ed Bennett said, "She is an outstanding example of our school's motto: A Tradition of Caring."

Artwork by Lane-Forster's students will be on display in March at the Towson branch of the Baltimore County Public Library.

The Greater Jacksonville Optimists applaud her work and wish her continued success in her field. We are all so proud of her as she follows in her father's teaching footsteps.

Dennis Lane retired as a teacher from Parkville High School. The club has sponsored a sophomore student in his honor to attend the HOBY Leadership Seminar for the next five years.

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