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

Celebrating Youth

A dinner meeting on Thursday September 28 at 6:30 pm in the annex will introduce us to HOBY students. I am bringing homemade meatball subs, salad and Optimist Anniversary cake. Help us celebrate 33 years! RSVP please to me at 410-746-0150 or capplegate@jhmi.edu so we can plan for our special night. A donation of \$8 will cover your meal.

Cindy Lane, president of the Ravens Roost, will attend to receive a check for assistance to our Independence Day activities.

John McDermott, Parkville HS, will tell us about his HOBY 2017 experience. We have sponsored his school for 5 years as a tribute to Dennis Lane who taught there.

Marjorie Antonio, a Junior at Eastern HS, will report about her volunteering at HOBY as a Team Alumni—our worker bees in operations.

Also, to support the Villa Maria children, there is a list of needed items on page 2. They can be dropped off on September 28. We will transport the items to the school. We have long supported the Villa's efforts though the years and our donations and assistance are certainly appreciated.

Please join us September 28!



Carol Applegate



Pat & Carol on vacation in NC.



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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of Month
7:30 PM
FUTURE HOME
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Report: Business Meeting September 7

During our business meeting, **Julie Strockburger** thanked us for helping to fund her trip to attend the National Braille Contest. Her mom and teacher joined us too. Julie was one of the top ten students who were tested on reading, writing and understanding Braille. She showed us her Braille computer and how to even read graphs.

We also completed our Plan of Action for 2017-18.

Report: MDSO Optimist 4th Quarter Convention

Carol & Adam attended the District meeting in August in Grantville, PA. OI Dime A Day pins were awarded to **Carol Applegate, Fran Betty, Mike Borowitz, Barbara Crain and Ann Lane**. The next meeting is Nov. 4 in Hagerstown.

New Directors

Mary Ann Hand & Terri Parrish attended a director's training session and are ready to start October 1 as our new Optimist year begins. Thank you for stepping up.

Business Meeting Thursday October 12, 7:30 @ Dave's

Please note, second Thursday! Join us.

Villa Maria School at Dulaney Valley provides educational and clinical services for children with significant emotional, behavioral, and learning challenges. Their needs for the fall semester for kindergarten to 9th grade are:

- ◆ Fidgets such as Tangles, Jeliku, Spinners, Mental Blocks, Flexiblocks, fidget cubes, stress balls (even with corporate logos)
- ◆ Writing journals that would be gender neutral
- ◆ Uno and Skipbo and Yoga Mats
- ◆ Inexpensive digital watches, mostly boys 10-13

Bull & Oyster 9/30/17 \$45 Sr Ctr - Dave Ward

St. John's Lutheran Church

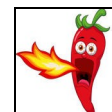
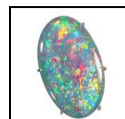
36 Annual Craft & Flea Market, Saturday October 14.

White Elephant Bingo & Chili Cook Off Thursday October 19 @ 6:30

Mary Ann's Corner—Did you know...October

The Oct part of October is related to the #8 but October is the 10th month - go figure More US presidents have been born in October than any other months National Chili month—let's have a cook off at the Oct 19 Bingo! The traditional flower is the calendula (pot marigold) which means comfort and healing

The first transcontinental telegram was sent Oct. 24, 1861
 Free rural mail began 10/1/1896
 Folklore says deer with dark coats means long winters
 Birthstone is opal or tourmaline
 US flag raised over Alaska 10/18/1867—49th state



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.

Happy Birthday!

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| Barbara Crain | 9/18 |
| Mary Lu Hartley | 9/12 |
| Tricia Watkeys | 9/27 |

