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OPTIMIST
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Friend of Youth

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



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OUR
OPTIMIST FAMILIES AND
FRIENDS. MAY YOU HAVE A HAPPY,
HEALTHY, AND SAFE SEASON OF JOY!

CAROL APPEGATE, PRESIDENT

Shop with a Cop December 8

Saturday December 8 with Officer Carey Kus. Each child gets \$100 to spend on their families and a bit for themselves. We have donated \$1000 towards this cause. Over 100 children are helped by Timonium, Jacksonville, Hereford, Loch Raven & Cockeysville Optimists and friends.

Holiday Party Sunday Dec. 16, 3-7 or until Dave throws us out!

Join us in spreading the holiday spirit. Bring an easy dish to share. Dave is serving BBQ. The barn/annex is open after last year's flood.

Saturday December 15 Believe In Tomorrow Children's House

We will be collecting items for Christmas. Their 15 bedrooms and 2 kitchens host families of children in the JHH Children's Cancer Center. Gift cards to Walmart, Target and gas cards are appreciated so families can purchase items for their kids in treatment. Also appreciated are household and kitchen items—paper goods and easy prep non perishable food items. Breakfast foods are a big hit.

Dues are due!

Thank you to those who have already paid your dues. The \$80 a year helps to support youth. You can send it to PO Box 442, Phoenix, MD 21131. We appreciate your help. There are only a few who have not yet gotten out their check book!



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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of Month

7:30 PM

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

The birthstone is turquoise.

Sagittarius & Capricorn are the astrological signs.

The flower of the month is narcissus or holly.

Make it a December to remember!

Dec 12 is Poinsettia Day.

The first artificial tree was made in Germany, fashioned out of goose feathers dyed green.

St. Nicholas, who would eventually be called Santa Clause, was originally the patron saint of children, thieves, and pawnbrokers.

An ancient legend—that forest animals can speak in human language on Christmas Eve!

**Happy December Birthday!**

Lyal Peyton	12/4
Mike Borowitz	12/9
Bob Rigger	12/17
Dave Ward	12/24
Ashby Shanks	12/30

**Optimist Essay Contest**

Terri, chair, is looking for youth under 19 by Oct. 31 to write a 700 word essay. Due to her by January 21. The top 3 receive gift cards. "When All the World's Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?"

*******NO Membership Meeting in January*******

Stock Market Challenge Thursday January 17, 6:30

Join us for pizza & salad to stuff envelopes for our club's fundraiser. All hands on deck please. This is our #2 project of the year (after Independence Day, of course). It supplies funds for our youth activities. Please RSVP so we get enough pepperoni or veggies!

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.





Shop with a Cop Saturday Dec. 8

Walmart Cockeysville

Outback Hunt Valley

Jacksonville, Cockeysville, Timonium, Hereford & Loch Raven Optimist Clubs.

100 youngsters from Baltimore County!

