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

REPORT: Club Anniversary

On Thursday September 17 we held a Zoom meeting. We celebrated 36 years of Jacksonville with the drink of our choice. Thank you members for giving us so many reasons for celebration.

During our meeting, I asked members to draw a pig. I presented tongue-in-check reasons why we drew aspects: i.e., forward facing, long tails, place on paper, and showing all or less feet. We need a little fun during our stay at home time.

First day of the Optimist year

Sunday October 1st! Our board of directors began to offer community service and social interaction. Please give us your suggestions for projects this year.

REPORT: Election of Officers

The 2019-2020 slate of officers was re-elected in July for another two years. Thank you all for stepping up to the challenge.

Have you read any new books?

Send me a list that we can suggest to others for winter reading.



Next Zoom Meeting

Thursday November 5 at 7:30 PM. Look for a Zoom invite in your mailbox that week. I will have a fun task for you to do.

Children's Cancer coin banks

Mary Ann has collected \$10 since one coin bank was replaced on counters so far. Please drop in some coins as you visit our community stores.

St. Vincent Villa

The Villa was approached with our idea of filling bags of crafts and items to support students during their stay. Villa's mandate is to love, serve, and teach. They help children 6-14 with educational, behavioral, and emotional needs that are not met in their homes and communities.

We have been assigned the Aquinas House for 11-13 year old boys. They are on a 3rd or 4th grade track. Early November is our target date so they have our bags before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Art supplies, word search books, magic markers, color pens and pencils.....whatever you think could be meaningful. Bags don't have to be all packed with the same items. Dollar store finds or Amazon deals are good ideas. There is a list on page 2.

We have ordered Optimist logo items: string bags, flashlights (don't all kids love to play!) and a pen.

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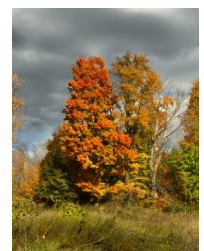
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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of
Month

11/5
Zoom
meeting



St. Vincent Aquinas Unit Suggestions for 12 boys, age 11-13

New current books:

Magic Treehouse, Step into Reading

Joke books, graphic novel comic books

books about animals, sports, and current TV shows

Carol A. bought 2 "Choose your own adventure" and 2 "Adam Blade—Team Hero" books.

Activity and coloring books

Word searches—Carol A. has 3, Maryann getting more. Duplicates encouraged.

Puzzle books

Digital watches

Lego small kits

Stickers (male themes)

New arts and crafts kits and supplies:

colored pencils or crayons

markers, acrylic paints

coloring books

construction paper-Carol A has a lg pack

T shirts, lg, xl,—Mary Lu has 12

Socks, men's sizes athletic socks, like footies, without the top, black. Or longer theme socks

Energy bars (no nuts), chips

Toothbrushes—emailed request to Dr. Page

Covid masks-Carol A will make sport themed masks

All bags need not be the same. If a boy gets a gift he is not interested in, he can trade an item with another boy. It helps them to interact with others in a positive manner. It encourages communication to achieve a trade.

Carol A will pick up supplies from members or you can drop them off to Carol Porcher at the PNC bank by October 30.



Wreaths Across America

We have been contacted to sponsor wreaths for the holidays to be placed on the graves of military men and women at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. It will be on the November 5th agenda for vote. In past years we have donated \$75.00. Some members also did a personal donation.



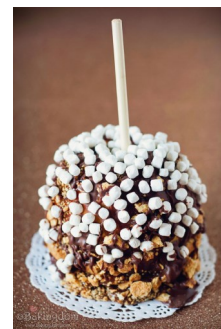
Happy October & November Birthdays!

Dave Gilmore 10/15

Chad Casserly 11/13

Shon McCollum 11/15

Steven Watkeys 11/17

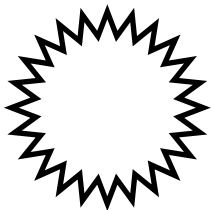


On the November 5th meeting Zoom call, I will give the answers to these word teasers. As an example, #1 is sandbox. See how many you can get.


You may have seen this before since I know it's at least 50 years old! I even use it at HOBY CLeWs (one day seminars) as students register and mingle.

I don't give directions for independent work. I see how many will mingle and work together or share answers. Later we discuss how we can do better with more than 1 brain working on a problem.

See how many you get alone and how many more you may get if you have help. Have fun.



BRAIN TEASERS

1. 
2. MAN BOARD
3. STAND I
4. |R|E|A|D|I|N|G|
5. WEAR LONG
6. ROAD
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16. GROUND

17. MIND
MATTER
18. HE'S / HIMSELF
19. ECNALG
20. DEATH LIFE

Shop with a Cop is held in December. It will happen for 2020 but the plans are fluid because of Covid 19. It may not be a group Optimist and Police effort on one day but may be more individual. We shall see...but Optimism will make it happen for our young folks.





Veterans at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens will be honored as part of the Wreaths across America's "National Wreaths Across America Day."

★ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020 AT NOON

200 E. Padonia Rd, Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093
 Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission is to Remember, Honor and Teach by wreath-laying ceremony at Dulaney Valley Memorial Cemetery. Our goal is to have a wreath placed for each of the known, thirty-seven hundred veterans graves. Individuals, groups, families, schools, organizations, churches and companies are needed to help make this event a success in honoring our nation's veterans.

Remember
 Our Fallen Veteran

Honor
 Those Who Serve

Teach
 Children the value of Freedom

You can make this possible by donating \$15 per wreath. Your donation can be done electronically at the Wreaths across America website or by completing the form on the back and mailing it with your check.

Wreath sponsorships are tax deductible as 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

★ Donations for this event must be made by **November 25, 2020**

Honor to our military everywhere, who bravely bears our country's cause.

Honor, also, to the citizens who care for their brothers and sisters in the field and serve as the best can, the same cause.

If interested in participating please contact the location coordinator.

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WREATH SPONSORSHIP ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>
2. Click the menu box-upper right corner
3. Select 3rd item in menu- Search Locations/Groups
4. Select participating locations
5. Enter Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens by magnifying glass
6. Select Veterans at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens
7. Select the red SPONSOR box
8. Complete form and click the Review My Sponsorship box

WREATH SPONSORSHIP FORM

Group ID#: MD0200 **Location ID:MDDVVMG**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsorship Levels	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual=1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Family=5 Wreaths	\$75.00		
Small Business= 10 or More			
Corporate = 100 or More			
Grand Total:			

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