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



Welcome Towson University Optimist Club



The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club is proud to be the sponsor of the new Towson University Optimist Club, the first Collegiate Optimist Club in the Maryland/South Delaware District, which was organized on September 27, 2007, with 26 charter members. The members of the TU Optimist Club are pictured above at their Charter Night held on November 13, 2007, in the University Union. President John Marsicano is pictured at the left with their new Club banner.

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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS

First Wed. of Each Month
7:30 PM

at

FUTURE HOME
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
410-666-0086

Youth Appreciation

Thursday, November 29, 2007

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Future Home Annex

We will be honoring several youth who have been nominated by local community leaders.

Desserts will be served!

All members are invited and encouraged to attend.
Guests are welcome.

Please contact

YAW Chair Dave Ward at 410-666-0086 or
cdavidward@aol.com by
Monday, Nov. 26 to make your reservation!



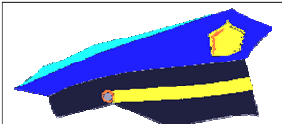
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Holiday Open House and Gift Wrapping Party

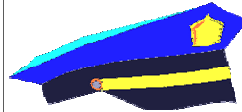
Our Annual Holiday Project is almost ready to go. We are adopting several families for the Holiday Season. We'll summarize the list of the family members and their needs and requests for gifts and get it to you.

Dave Ward will coordinate the list so that all requests are covered and so that we don't have duplications.

We will also provide a food basket for each family. Please donate non perishable food items for the baskets. If you prefer to donate cash, please make your check payable to GJOC and we'll use the funds for food and gift cards for the families. Once we know how much cash will be available, we'll allocate it among the families and the committee will purchase gift cards at stores in the neighborhoods where the families live.

You are invited to bring your **unwrapped gifts** and food items to an **Open House at Future Home Annex on Sunday, December 16, 2007, beginning at 2:00 PM**. We'll have a holiday party and wrap the gifts for our adopted families and prepare them for delivery during the following week.

If you will be purchasing a gift and are unable to attend the Open House, please make arrangements with Dave to have your gift there for wrapping.



Shop With a Cop

The Shop With a Cop Project is scheduled for **Saturday, December 22, 2007**, at the new Wal Mart Super Center on York Road in Cockskeyville. Optimists will meet at 8:00 AM to prepare for the arrival of the Police Officers and children. They will arrive in Baltimore County Police vehicles, one child per Police Officer, around 8:30 AM.

Members of the Cockskeyville, Greater Jacksonville, Hereford, and Timonium Optimist Clubs will greet the officers and children as they arrive at Wal Mart. The officers will assist the children with their shopping and the Optimists will bag their purchases as they checkout at registers assigned to the Shop With a Cop shoppers.

Following shopping the children and Police Officers will go to the Outback Steakhouse in Hunt Valley Towne Center where they will be served breakfast by Outback employees who have volunteered to come in early to participate in the project.

Greater Jacksonville Optimist members should wear their purple Optimist shirts for this activity.

We need a list of members who would like to participate. Please contact Barbara Crain at 410-785-0410 or bcrain@jhmi.edu to add your name to the list of volunteers



Gift Wrapping at Villa Maria

Many people donate gifts for the children at Villa Maria. The gifts are dropped off at Villa Maria to be wrapped later.

Groups of volunteers are invited to spend an evening at Villa Maria wrapping the gifts. The Greater Jacksonville Optimists' time to wrap gifts at Villa Maria is **Thursday evening, December 20, 2007. We'll meet at 5:00 PM and will work until about 8:00 PM wrapping gifts**. You can stop by anytime during that time frame to assist with the wrapping.

Carol Porcher is coordinating this activity for our Club. **If you would like to join this fun wrapping party, please contact Carol at H 410-357-4717, W 410-666-0008, or carol.porcher@pnc.com**. We look forward to seeing you there!

2008 Optimist International Scholarship Contests



Essay Contest—Open to all youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2007. Prizes: District winner—\$650 scholarship; OI winners—1st \$6,000, 2nd \$3,750, and 3rd \$2,250 scholarships.

The topic for the 2008 contest is **"Today's Choices Shape My Future."** Our Club's entry deadline is January 31, 2008.

Oratorical Contest—Open to all youth under the age of 16 as of December 31, 2007. Prizes: District Level—1st Place Boy and Girl each receive a \$1,500 scholarship.



The topic for the 2008 contest is **"Why me? Why not?"** Our Club contest will be in March, 2008.

Visit our web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org for additional information about both contests. **Please share this information with youth you know.**



Aluminum Cans and Tabs Add Up for the Kids!

WE NEED YOUR CANS! Please save your cans to help the kids and please ask others to save cans for you. You may bring the cans to any Optimist meeting or drop them off at Dennis and Ann Lane's house at 14317 Dairydale Ct. in Baldwin.

If you have a large quantity, please contact **Dennis Lane at 410-592-2574 or 410-592-7067** to arrange a pickup date and time. **Every can and tab counts!** Thank you for your support of the Childhood Cancer Campaign!

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Towson University Optimist Club

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Eighty Optimists and guests from all around Maryland attended the big Charter Night at Towson University. After thanking everyone for their support and welcoming them to TU, President John stated: "As the Optimist Club President, it is my duty to bring our club to a new level and to become a strong cohesive team. I hope our members will become involved in numerous events in the surrounding communities...."

"Someone once told me, 'The future of our country is in the hands of our youth.' As an active member and current charter president of the Towson University Optimist Club I am both proud and honored to be part of an organization that is making the world a better place for its youth. With this in mind, I strive everyday to provide hope and a positive vision that will bring out the best in kids and those around me...."



Fred Figlewski & Tricia Lane greet students at the Towson University Involvement Fair.



TU Charter Optimist Megan Weiner greets a youngster at ZOOBOO—her club's first project.

Looking Back

Greater Jacksonville Optimists were busy over the last few months. Below see them in action!

August



Optimists from Jacksonville enjoyed an evening of music at Lewdew Gardens. Left: Nancy & Adam Drescher. Right: Chris & Glen Thomas

September

Serving the kids at the Villa Maria Fair: Left-Steve Porcher and Barbara Crain.



Right: Pam McCollum & Ann Lane dish out the popcorn.

↓ Sonny Neal, Past MDSD Governor, enjoyed the Crab Feast with son-in-law and new Jacksonville Optimist Shon McCollum. Chad Casserly also appreciates the bounty of the Chesapeake! ↓



October

Dink & Bob Rigger lead a group of Jacksonville Optimists to the Children's House at Johns Hopkins. Dink cooked a wonderful meal. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the conversations at dinner. These dinners help provide a "home-away-from-home" for families of children being treated at Johns Hopkins.

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Happy Birthday

- Paula Moore—12/02
- Lyal Peyton—12/04
- Carol Dunstan—12/05
- John Littleton—12/07
- SueGoetz—12/08
- Mike Borowitz—12/09
- Glen Thomas—12/13
- Bob Rigger—12/17
- Dave Ward—12/24
- Ashby Shanks—12/30

Happy Anniversary

- Dave & Terrie Gilmore—11/30
- Orville & Eleanor Hughes—12/08
- Mike Borowitz & Barara Crain—12/29



Share your Optimism with others. Invite a guest to a GJOC activity!

Please Save Your Inkjet Cartridges and Toner Cartridges for Recycling to benefit the OI Foundation and Our Club! See information on our web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, November 29, 2007

Meeting—YAW Program
7:00 PM at Future Home Annex

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Sunday, December 16, 2007

Holiday Open House & Club
Giftwrapping Party to Wrap Gifts
for Our Adopted Families
2:00 PM at Future Home Annex

Thursday, December 20, 2007

Gift Wrapping at Villa Maria
6:00 PM—9:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007

Shop with a Cop
8:00 AM at Wal Mart in Hunt Valley

Wednesday, January 2, 2008

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Dinner Meeting—Stock Market
Challenge 2008 Kickoff
6:15 PM at Future Home Annex

Friday, Saturday, Sunday January 25, 26, 27, 2008

Second Quarter District Board
Meeting/Conference & 2006-2007
Awards Dinner at the Eden Resort
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Thursday, January 31, 2008

Essay Contest Deadline

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

October

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The Optimist Clubs of Cockeysville, Hereford, Greater Jacksonville, & Timonium, hosted a **Poker Run** in mid-October which raised \$1,500 for the **Shop With A Cop** project.

Left: New Jacksonville Optimist Dick Frye sports his new club shirt while manning the Poker Run Station at Cherry's Inn on Middletown Rd. Right: Sue Goetz and Mary Lu Hartley



greet Poker Run participants at Cherry's Inn.

November



GJOC 2007-2008 Officers installed Nov. 13th. L. to r.: President Barbara Crain; Chairman of the Bd. Carol Dunstan; Sgt. at Arms Kevin Alban; Directors Dennis Lane & Dave Ward; Ext. VP Carol Porcher; Int. VP Mike Borowitz; Secretary Adam Drescher; & Treasurer Pam McCollum. Not pictured: Directors Carol Applegate, Fred Figlewski & Lylal Peyton.

Also in November—Dave Ward thanks our members for their support of the 5K Run & Family Fun Walk to benefit the **TAMAR Garden and Horticultural Center at Cromwell Valley Park.**



**Stock
Market
Challenge 2008
is Coming
Soon!**

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.

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Kevin Honored

GJOC Optimist member and Sgt. at Arms KEVIN ALBAN was recently honored by his employer—Safeway. He received a Community Hero Award for his outstanding contributions to the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club and for service to his community.

According to Sunday Council-Baker, Director of Safeway's Human Resources, Kevin selected our club to receive a \$1,000 donation to continue "your tremendous efforts." Kevin will present the check to our club at the YAW Meeting, on November 29, 2007.

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