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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS

First Wed. of Each Month 7:30 PM at

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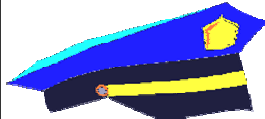


Annual Holiday Project

Our Annual Holiday Project is ready to go. We are adopting several families provided by MedStar Health VNA and Villa Maria. We received lists of the family members and their needs and requests for gifts. The lists have been summarized and the summarized list is included with members' copy of this newsletter. The summary of needs and requests is also being sent to members by e-mail if we have your e-mail address.

Please review the list of needs and gift requests and then call **Dave Ward (410-666-0086)** and let him know what you

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Shop With A Cop

The Shop With a Cop Project is scheduled for **Saturday, December 17, 2005**, at the Hunt Valley Towne Center. Optimists will meet at Wal Mart around 8:30 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 9:00 AM. The Police caravan around the Beltway and vehicles from each precinct join the caravan as it passes on their way to Hunt Valley.

Our goal is to have **100 children** participate. The children, who are selected by the Baltimore County Police Department through the PAL centers throughout Baltimore County, will

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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 **Tuesday evening, December 20, 2005. We'll meet at 6:30 PM and will work until about 9:00 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 cjpoptm@aol.com.** We look forward to seeing you there!



CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Sunday, December 11, 2005

Holiday Open House & Club
Giftwrapping Party to Wrap Gifts for Our Adopted Families
4:00 PM at Future Home Annex

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005

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

Tues. Evening, Dec. 20, 2005

Gift Wrapping at Villa Maria
6:30 PM—??

Wednesday, January 4, 2006

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

Dinner Meeting—Stock Market
Challenge 2006 Kickoff
6:15 PM at Future Home Annex

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Essay Contest Deadline

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Sat., February 4, 2006

Maryland/South Delaware Optimist
District Board Meeting/Conference
Freedom District Optimist Club's
Community Center
Eldersbrg, MD

Shop With a Cop

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each be able to spend \$100. The number of children we can serve depends on the amount of funds which are raised by the participating Optimist Clubs through fundraising project and solicitation of donations.

Members of the Cockeysville, 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 across the parking lot from Wal Mart and will be served breakfast by Outback employees who have volunteered to come in early to participate in the project.

Santa Claus will visit with the children a Outback.

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

We'll be there from 8:00 AM until about 10:30 AM.

We need to have a list of members who would like to participate. Please contact **Dennis Lane** at (410-592-2574, 410-592-7067, or djlane@juno.com) to add your name to the list of volunteers..

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



Annual Holiday Project

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would like to purchase. Dave will coordinate the list so that all requests are covered and so that we don't have duplications.

We will provide a food basket for each family. Please donate non perishable food items for the baskets. Some of you may prefer to donate cash. If you would like 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 11, 2005, beginning at 4:00 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.



Optimist International Essay Contest

The Optimist International Essay Contest is open to youth up to the age of 19 as of December 31, 2005. The topic for this year's contest, is "**I'm unique because . . .**"

The deadline for our Club's Contest is Tuesday, January 31, 2006. The first place winner of our Contest will be entered in the Maryland South Delaware District Contest. The prize for the first place District winner is \$650. The first place District winner is then entered in the Optimist International Contest. The prizes in the OI Contest are: First Place—\$5,000 scholarship and an expense paid trip to the OI Convention in Nashville in July 2006; Second Place—\$3,000 Scholarship; and Third Place—\$2,000 Scholarship.

Please share this information with any youth you feel would be interested in participating in the contest. Members are invited and encouraged to volunteer to work on the Essay Contest Committee.

For additional details about the Essay Contest contact **Carol Applegate** at 410-426-8287 and/or visit our Club's web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.



Optimist International Oratorical Contest

The Optimist International Oratorical Contest is open to youth up to the age of 16 as of December 31, 2005. The topic for this year's contest is, "**My future is bright because . . .**"

Our club contest will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2006. The first place boy and girl winners of our Club's Contest will be entered in the Zone 9 Contest in early April. The first place boy and girl Zone 9 winners will advance to the Maryland/South Delaware District Contest to be held April 21-23, 2006, at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. The First Place boy and girl District winners will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Please share this information with any youth you feel would be interested in participating in the contest. Members are invited and encouraged to volunteer to work on the Oratorical Contest Committee.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Oratorical Contest, contact **Mary Lu Hartley** at 410-357-9873 or hartley@aol.com or visit our Club's web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.

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5th Annual GJOC Family Appreciation Night

Our 5th Annual Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club Family Appreciation Night was held on **Friday evening, October 21, 2005**, at the Smith Center at Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church.

As you can see in the pictures on this page, we took care of some business—installed our 2005-2006 officers and inducted three new members; recognized some of our members for their service during the past year; had a good meal; and played some games.

Thank you to the committee members who organized it and to everyone who attended. It was a fun evening!



The 2005-2006 Officers and Directors were installed by Maryland South Delaware District Governor Ron Humphreys (Center) at Family Appreciation Night.



Past President MaryLu Harley inducts Bonnie Shaw as a new member as Bonnie's sponsor, Carol Porcher, observes.

President Carol Dunstan inducts new members **Trica and Steve Watkins** as their sponsor, Dave Ward observes.



Past President Mary Lu Hartley presents an Optimist International President's Citation from Optimist International President Ives Berthiaume to member **Barbara Crain** in appreciation for her service to the Club throughout the 2004-2005 Optimist Year.



Past Presidents (l. to r.) Orville Hughes, Fred Figlewski, Tom Gilmore, and Tom McGrath on behalf of the members of the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club President a OI Life Membership to Past President Mary Lu Hartley.



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Annual Youth Appreciation Dinner



Front Row (l. to r.) **Andrew (Drew) Schmitd V**, Hereford High School; **Sarah Robinson**, Hereford High School; **Beth Awalt**, Dulaney High School; **Allye Laue**, Hereford High School; **Rebecca Talbot**, Loch Raven High School, and **Amy Tillman**, Dulaney High School. Back Row (l. to r.) **Kevin Ewing**, Calvert Hall; **Daniel Robinson**, North Harford High School; **Spencer Knight**, Loch Raven High School; and **Tyler Haynes**, Loch Raven High School..

Judge Larry Daniels and President Carol Dunstan join in the presentation of an Outstanding Youth Award to Amy Tillman (r.) with her sponsor Ms. Brenda English.



Students, Parents, Guests, and Optimists join in the recitation of the Optimist Creed following the dinner.

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc. celebrated Youth Appreciation Week by hosting a dinner honoring ten local high school juniors and seniors from five local high schools on Monday, November 21, 2005, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sweet Air. The students were nominated by leaders of area schools and churches or Optimist Club members in recognition of their talents in the arts, athletics, academics, and for service to their school, church and community. The honorees were introduced to the audience by their sponsor or by an Optimist member. Each student received an Outstanding Youth Award and a \$50 cash award.

Special thanks go out to the chefs & helpers of the Kitchen Committee at St. John's Lutheran Church for providing a very enjoyable meal; the Youth Appreciation Committee – **Dave Ward, Chair; Fran Betty; Larry Daniels; Adam Drescher;** and **Dennis Lane** for planning the program; the sponsors of our Outstanding Youths for taking the time to nominate them; the parents and family of the youths for their love and support of the youths; and to the Outstanding Youths themselves for all that they do.



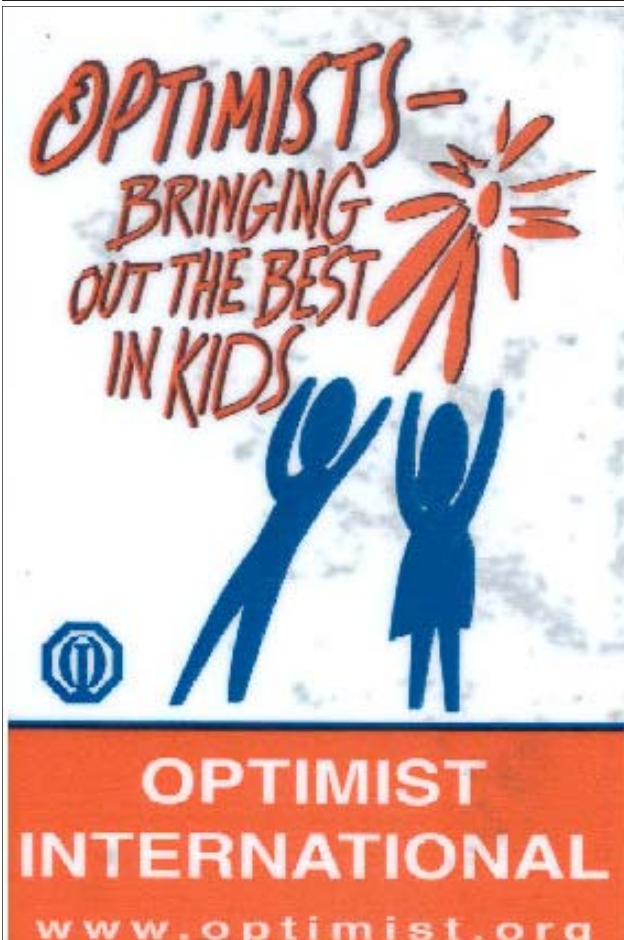
Please continue to save your aluminum cans for recycling to benefit the Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign. We receive \$.50 per pound from the recycler for the cans and that amount is matched by Past Optimist International President Jim Hubbard of the Severna Park, Maryland Optimist Club for a total of \$1.00 per pound. Since April 2004, the Optimist Clubs in the Maryland South Delaware District, including our Club, have collected and recycled over 5,500 pounds of aluminum cans raising over \$5,500 for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Please share the enclosed flyer with others and encourage them to participate in this project.



Stock Market Challenge 200 is Coming Soon!

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

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A pressure sensitive decal, like the one pictured above, is enclosed with member's copy of this newsletter. Please use it to promote our organization—put it on your car window, your business window, etc. If you would like additional decals call our Club's phone number, 410-592-7067, leave a message, and we will get the decals to you.

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Elected to International Office

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Member, **Dennis Lane**, has been elected to serve as one of ten Optimist International 2005-2006 Vice Presidents-Elect and 2006-2007 Vice Presidents. He will be working with the 2005-2006 District Governors-Elect and 2006-2007 District Governors in the Indiana North, Michigan, Ohio, Central Ontario, Mid-western Ontario, and Southwest Ontario Districts.

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Featured in Radio Commercials

Tom Hodgins, Sr. Vice President of the Mercantile Bank Small Business Group, promotes the bank's services in their radio commercials.

Greater Jacksonville Optimists

<u>Member</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
1. Bennett, Donald	09/01/84 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
2. Cook, Bob	09/01/84 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
3. Drescher, Adam	09/01/84 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
4. Gilmore, Dave	09/01/84* 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
5. Hughes, Orville	09/01/84* 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
6. Kolodner, Hank	09/01/84 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
7. Lane, Dennis	09/01/84 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
8. Litsinger, Bill	09/01/84 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
9. Peyton, Lyal	09/01/84 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
10. Rigger, Bob	09/01/84 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
11. Schapiro, Oscar	09/01/84* 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
12. Shanks, Ashby	09/01/84 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
13. Sturtevant, Ed	09/01/84 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
14. Ward, Dave	09/01/84* 21 yrs.+	Charter Member
15. Hodgins, Tom	04/01/85 20 yrs.+	?
16. Coster, Dennis	06/06/91 14 yrs.+	?
17. Figlewski, Fred	03/31/92 13 yrs.+	Herb Simpson
18. Storf, Dave	11/30/93 12 yrs.	Dave Ward
19. Littleton, John	12/17/93 12 yrs.	Dennis Lane
20. Hartley, Mary Lu	04/28/94 11 yrs.+	Dave Ward
21. Boliek, Partee	08/10/94* 11 yrs.+	Herb Simpson
22. Betty, Fran	12/15/97 8 yrs.	Dave Ward
23. Thomas, Glen	07/30/99 6 yrs.+	Dennis Lane
24. Casserly, Chad	11/22/99 6 yrs.	Dave Ward
25. Pearce, Bob	02/28/00 5 yrs.+	Lyal Peyton
26. Bayle, Adrienne	09/30/00 5 yrs.+	Chad Casserly
27. Cook, Bruce	09/30/00 5 yrs.+	Bob Cook
28. Kirby, Stephanie	09/30/00 5 yrs.+	Dave Ward
29. Porcher, Carol	09/21/00 5 yrs.+	Mary Lu Hatley
30. Goetz, Sue	12/19/00 5 yrs.	Mary Lu Hatley
31. Gilmore, Sue	03/14/01 4 yrs.+	Mary Lu Hatley
32. Lane, Ann	03/14/01 4 yrs.+	Dennis Lane
33. Alban, Kevin	09/12/01 4 yrs.+	Dave Gilmore
34. Butcher, Frannie	09/20/01 4 yrs.+	Bob Rigger
35. Moore, Paula	09/30/01 4 yrs.+	Sue Goetz
36. Borowitz, Mike	09/30/02 3 yrs.+	Dave Ward
37. Hauck, Bill	09/30/02 3 yrs.+	Dennis Lane
38. Kellner, Karl	09/30/02 3 yrs.+	Tom Hayden
39. McGrath, Tom	09/30/02* 3 yrs.+	Chad Casserly
40. Jonsson, Liz	12/23/02 3 yrs.	Mary Lu Hatley
41. Crain, Barbara	01/30/03 2 yrs.+	Mike Borowitz
42. Applegate, Carol	09/26/03 2 yrs.+	Dennis Lane
43. Page, David	01/27/04 1 yr.+	Donald Bennett
44. Beers, Mike	09/02/04 1 yr.+	Paula Moore
45. Dunstan, Carol	09/02/04 1 yr/+	Fran Betty
46. Jonsson, Hans	09/02/04 1 yr.+	Liz Jonsson
47. Porcher, Steve	09/02/04 1 yr.+	Carol Porcher
48. Bertuzzi, Scott	01/09/05 11 Mo.	Dennis Lane
49. Daniels, Larry	04/07/05 8 Mo.	Carol Applegate
50. Shaw, Bonnie	09/25/05 2 Mo.+	Carol Porcher
51. Watkeys, Steve	10/13/05 1 Mo.+	Dave Ward
52. Watkeys, Tricia	10/13/05 1 Mo.+	Dave Ward

* Member of the Original Jacksonville Optimist Club

**Thank you for your service—
"Bringing Out the Best in Kids."**

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FACT SHEET

Here's a way to put some new zip in your life--It's the Greater Jacksonville Optimists. The Greater Jacksonville Optimists offer you an opportunity to meet some great people and work together on some special projects right here in your community. Optimists are positive people taking positive action producing positive results right here right now.

CHARTERED: September 19, 1984 (Sponsored by the Timonium Optimist Club)

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: October 1 - September 30

MEMBERS: Currently 52 men and women with room for you

MEETINGS: First Wednesday of each month at Future Home, 12900 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix, MD 21131
Additional Club activities are held monthly

AFFILIATION:

Optimist International (www.optimist.org)--Founded: June 19,1919

102,000+ Adult Members in 3,000+ Clubs in 29 Countries and 18,000+ Youth Members in 600+ Clubs

Motto: Friend of Youth "Bringing Out the Best in Kids"

Maryland/South Delaware Optimist District (www.mdsdoptimist.org)

1,600+ Adult Members in 39 Clubs and 100+ Youth Members in 4 Clubs

MAJOR PROJECTS

Greater Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration—

Sat. before July 4th Children's' Bike & Pet Parade in the morning; Entertainment and Fireworks in the evening.

Youth Projects--

Activities with the children at the **Villa Maria School**

Annual **Youth Appreciation** Dinner in November honoring local high school juniors and seniors

Annual **Essay Contest** in September-January for youth under age 19--2005-2006 Topic: "I'm Unique Because . . ."

Annual **Oratorical Contest** in March for youth under the age of 16--2005-2006 Topic: "My Future is Bright Because. . ."

Annual **Shop With a Cop** Program in December for disadvantaged youth

Sponsor Youth in the **Optimist International Junior Golf Championship**

Sponsor Youth to **HOBY**—Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar

Participate in the Maryland South Delaware & Optimist International **Childhood Cancer Campaign**

Community Service Projects--

Assist local community families, youth, and organizations as needed

Informative Meetings & Social Activities for Members & Families--

Periodically hold dinner meetings with guest speakers such as our **Annual Respect for Law Program**

Annual Crab Feast

Annual Valentine Activity

Annual Holiday Party

Other social activities are held during the year according to members' interests.

MEMBERSHIP

New members pay a one time \$30.00 initiation fee plus a prorated portion of the annual membership dues. First year dues are based on the quarter during which the member joins--Oct.-Dec.: \$30.00 + \$45.00 = \$75.00; Jan.-Mar.: \$30.00 + \$30.00 = \$60.00; Apr.-June: \$30.00 + \$15.00 = \$45.00; and July-Sept.: \$30.00 + \$60.00 = \$90.00 which includes the next year's dues in full. Spouses' annual dues are \$30.00. After the first year, dues are payable by October 1.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FUN!

Call Tom McGrath at 410-592-9202 or Carol Dunstan at 410-666-0086 or visit our Web Site (www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org) to learn more about your opportunity for involvement!