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Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's activities throughout 2006. It's your support of our volunteer activities that makes it possible for us to serve youth and the Greater Jacksonville Community. We look forward to continuing our service in 2007!



Essay Contest Deadline is January 31, 2007

The Optimist International Scholarship Essay Contest, which offers a top prize of \$6,000 on the international level, is open to youth up to the age of 19 as of December 31, 2006. The topic for this year's contest, is "I want to make a difference because . . ."

As previously published, the deadline for our Club's Contest is Wednesday, January 31, 2007, so there's still time for youth to enter the contest.

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



Stock Market Challenge 2007 is Coming Soon!

Plans are moving full speed ahead for SMC 2007. If you have favorite stocks that you would like to have included in SMC 2007 please let us know by calling 410-592-7067 and leaving a message or send the names of the stocks by e-mail to djlane@juno.com and we'll do our best to include them.

We'll kick off SMC 2007 at our Club's dinner meeting at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at Future Home Annex. Members will receive their SMC 2007 materials at the kick off meeting. Others who have participated in the SMC in the past will receive their SMC 2007 Brochure/Entry form shortly after that in the mail.

The Stock Market Challenge project is the major source of funds for our Club's youth and community projects. Anyone who would like to support the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's youth and community activities is invited to participate.

The SMC 2007 Brochure/Entry form will be available on our Club's web site, www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org, beginning January 18, 2007. You can also request a copy by calling 410-592-7067 or sending an e-mail message to djlane@juno.com.



CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 3, 2007

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Club Dinner Meeting
6:30 PM at Future Home Annex.
Program—SMC 2007 Kickoff

Thurs., January 18, 2007-Wed., February 28, 2007

SMC 2007—Sign Up Participants

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Essay Contest Deadline
Contact Carol Applegate at
410-426-8287 or
cappelgat@jhmi.edu

Saturday, February 3, 2007

MATHCOUNTS—8:00 AM
Perry Hall High School
Contact Mike Borowitz at
410-785-0410 or
mborowit@jhmi.edu

Saturday, February 10, 2007

Annual Valentine Activity
Location & Time TBA

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Serve Supper at the Childrens' House at Johns Hopkins

Fri. Evening, Sat., & Sun.—Feb. 16-18, 2007

Second Quarter
MDS District Board Meeting/
Conference at The Double Tree in
Annapolis, Maryland

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Postmark Deadline for SMC 2007 entries.

Thursday, March 1, 2007

SMC 2007 Begins

Visit our Club's web site, www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org, for updated information on our Club's Activities.

MATHCOUNTS®

MATHCOUNTS is a national math enrichment, coaching, and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievements. After several months of coaching, students from participating schools throughout the U. S. and its territories compete individually or as part of a team in one of more than 500 written and oral competitions.

The local competitions are run by volunteers from several organizations. We have the opportunity to volunteer at the **Baltimore City/Chesapeake (Baltimore, Harford, and Cecil Counties) Competition to be held on Saturday, February 3, 2007, at Perry Hall High School, 4601 Ebenezer Rd., Baltimore, MD 21236.**

Volunteers are needed to assist with registration beginning at 8:00 AM and other volunteers are needed to assist with proctoring the competition throughout the day. If you would like to participate in this project which is definitely an example of "Bringing Out the Best in Kids," **please contact our Club's chair, Mike Borowitz at 410-785-0410 or mborwit@jhmi.edu.**

Youth Appreciation



Optimist Clubs around the world have celebrated Youth Appreciation Week, annually since 1956 to recognize youth for their talents in the arts, athletic, academics and, for contributions to their communities.

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc., has been celebrating Youth Appreciation Week since our Club was chartered in 1984. This year's YAW dinner was held on November 16 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sweet Air.

We honored eight high school juniors and seniors who

were nominated by local community and church leaders.

This year's honorees in the picture on the left (l. to r.) are **Molly Fitzhugh**, McDonough High School, nominated by Rev. Loree Penner, Associate Rector, St. James Episcopal Church, Monkton; **Kathleen Longhenry**, Loch Raven High School, nominated by Ms. Colleen Sisolak, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hydes; **Cynthia Wontrop**, Loch Raven High School, nominated by Ms. Frannie Butcher, Human Resources Generalist, Baltimore County Office of Human Resources and a member of the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club; **Jeremy Knight**, Loch Raven High School, nominated by Rev. Fran Stanford, Pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church, Long Green; **Jesse DeOms**, St. Paul's School, nominated by Rev. David Asplin, Senior Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church Sweet Air; and **Emilly Sauer**, C. Milton Wright High School, nominated by Ms. Sheri Huppentha, Elder, Fallston Presbyterian Church. Not present, but also honored—**Greg Franke**, Loch Raven High School, nominated by Harry Raker, Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 444, Phoenix, MD; and **Abigal Turner**, Loch Raven High School, nominated by Rev. Fran Stanford.

The Youth Appreciation Committee—Dave Ward, Chair; Fran Betty; Adam Drescher; Carol Dunstan; Fred Figlewski; and Dennis Lane—thanks the chefs and helpers at **St. John's** for providing a very enjoyable meal; the sponsors of our **Outstanding Youths** for nominating them; the parents and family of the youths for their love and support of the youths; the **Outstanding Youth** for everything they do for their school, church, and community; and **everyone who attended the dinner.**



Optimist International Oratorical Contest

The Optimist International Oratorical Contest offers youth up to the age of 16 as of Dec. 31, 2006, the opportunity to compete for a \$1,500 scholarship. The topic for this year's contest is, "**My Biggest Challenge is . . .**"

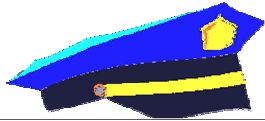
Students begin the competition at the local Club level. Our club contest will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007. Our first place boy and girl winners will be entered in the Zone 9 Contest on April 12, where they will compete with winners from other local Clubs. The first place boy and girl Zone 9 winners will advance to the Maryland/South Delaware District Contest on April 20-22, 2007, at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland.

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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Shop With A Cop



What a Sight—100 Baltimore County police vehicles with lights flashing and sirens on pulled into the Wal Mart parking lot at Hunt Valley Towne Centre at 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 16, 2006. They were met by Optimists from the Cockeysville, Greater Jacksonville, Hereford, and Timonium Optimist Clubs, who greeted the police officers and the 100+ children they brought with them to go shopping at Wal Mart. Each child was allowed to spend \$100 for gifts for themselves, family members, and friends using funds donated by individuals, churches, businesses, the police, and the Optimist Clubs. Following the shopping everyone headed to Outback Steakhouse for brunch. **Thank you to everyone who helped make this project a success!**

Adopt A Family Project

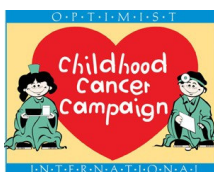


Wow! Way to go Greater Jacksonville Optimists! As we all enjoyed a fun holiday party at Future Home Annex on Sunday, December 15, 2006, we wrapped the gifts purchased by Optimists for the members of the three families we adopted for the holiday season. They all received what they requested and then some.



GJOC Optimists also donated several boxes of non perishable food items for the families and cash donations which were used to purchase gift cards for the families.

The Villa Maria staff was very appreciative of our generosity in helping bring a Happy Holiday Season to the families they serve and sends their thanks to everyone who contributed to this project.



GJOC Aluminum Cans and Tabs Add Up to Big Dollars for the Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign!
Please Save Your Cans & Tabs!

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.

Together Everyone Achieves More!



Gift Wrapping at Villa Maria

Our third holiday activity was wrapping gifts for the children at the Villa Maria School located on Dulaney Valley Road, just across Loch Raven Reservoir from Future Home on Wednesday evening, December 20.

Villa Maria School provides education and treatment for emotionally disturbed children age 3-14. The school offers comprehensive special education and therapeutic services on two campuses in Baltimore County and one in western Baltimore City. Academic instruction and behavioral treatment is highly structured and individualized.

Working with Villa Maria Staff, each student listed the gifts they would like for Christmas and then volunteers purchased the gifts for them and delivered the unwrapped gifts to the School. Volunteer groups, **such as the Greater Jacksonville Optimists**, were invited to spend an evening wrapping the gifts for the students.

It was a fun evening playing Santa's elves for these children.



Guess who had a special birthday on Christmas Eve!

HONOR CLUB

We will receive our Club's Seventh Consecutive Honor Club Award at the Maryland South Delaware Optimist Awards Dinner at the Double Tree in Annapolis, MD on Saturday evening, February 18, 2007.

See our web site for details!

Happy Birthday



- Dave Ward—12/24
- Ashby Shanks—12/30
- Liz Jonsson—1/20
- Ann Lane—2/10
- Dennis Coster—2/12
- Fran Betty—2/15
- Sue Gilmore—2/16
- Donald Bennett—2/25



Happy Anniversary

- Bob & Dink Rigger—1/6
- Liz & Hans Jonsson—2/29

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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