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

CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

Dinner Meeting
6:30 PM at Future Home Annex

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Friday Evenings, Saturdays, & Sundays in June

Donation Ticket sales at Safeway

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Independence Day Planning Meeting—6:30 PM
Future Home Annex

Saturday, June 28, 2008

Independence Day Celebration
Morning—Bike & Pet Parade at Manor Center
Evening—Entertainment & Fireworks—Jacksonville Fields
Golf Balls Against Childhood Golf Ball Drop

Wed. - Sat., July 2 - 5, 2008

90th Annual Optimist International Convention in Grapevine, Texas

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Fri.-Sun., August 15-17, 2008

Maryland/South Delaware 50th Annual District Convention
Sheraton Dover Hotel
Dover, Delaware

Wednesday, August 20, 2008

Annual Club Meeting
Dinner 6:30 PM
Future Home Annex

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Friday, September 19, 2008

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc.'s 24th Anniversary

Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2008
6:30 PM

Future Home Annex
Please contact Dave Ward at
410-666-0086 or cdauidward@aol.com
to make your reservation!



33rd Annual Greater Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 28, 2008

Plans are moving full speed ahead for our club's largest community service project—the Annual Independence Day Celebration including the Kids' Bike and Pet Parade in the Manor Center at 10:00 AM and Entertainment beginning at 6:00 PM at the Jacksonville fields with fireworks following about 9:15 PM on Saturday, June 28.

Our greatest challenge at this point is raising the \$10,000 needed to produce this celebration for the community. Our two main sources of funds for the celebration are the sale of donation tickets at Safeway on Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays in June and donations from local businesses.

GJOC Vice President Mike Borowitz is coordinating the tickets sales and is currently setting up the schedule. Please contact Mike (410-785-0410 or mborowit@hmi.edu) to let him know when you will be available to assist with ticket sales.

GJOC Director Dennis Lane is coordinating the requests for donations from local businesses. If you know a local business person or other individual who may be interested in making a donation to support the celebration, please contact Dennis (410-592-2574 or djlane@juno.com) and give him the information and he will make the request or they may mail their donation to the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, P.O. Box 442, Phoenix, Maryland 21131.



June is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

During June, Optimist clubs are sponsoring projects to raise funds to benefit the Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign. The main focus of the campaign is to support a five year Endowed Research Fellowship at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore to develop a targeted therapy to fight AML, the second most common form of child leukemia and a type of leukemia with a high mortality rate.

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club and other Optimist clubs in Maryland are also working with the Sidney Kimmel Center at Johns Hopkins supporting the non-medical needs of families and children who are at Johns Hopkins for treatment.

Our club is conducting two projects to benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign—

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

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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS
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June Is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (Continued from page 1)

Recycling Aluminum Cans, tabs, and other aluminum and our 5th Annual Golf Balls Against Childhood Cancer Golf Ball Drop.



Recycling—We recently took another 149 pounds of cans and tabs to the recycler on May 15 bringing our club's total since June 2005 to 2,000+ pounds and \$1,200+ which was matched by Past Optimist International President Jim Hubbard to bring the total raised by our recycling efforts to over \$2,400. **Please continue to save your cans & tabs and please ask others to save cans for you especially during June.** You may bring the cans to any Optimist meeting or drop them off at Dennis and Ann Lane's house. **Every can and tab counts! Thank you!**



Golf Balls Against Childhood Cancer Golf Ball Drop—A bucket of numbered golf balls is dropped from a crane over a golf hole and the sponsor of the ball that goes in the hole or is closest to the hole wins a \$500 prize. The prize will be split if there is a tie. This project has raised over \$4,000 from 2004-2007. Our 5th Annual Golf Ball Drop will be held before the fireworks on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at the Jacksonville fields.

You may sponsor a ball or balls in this year's drop by making a \$10 donation per ball to support the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Sponsorship forms are available on our club's web site (www.jacksonville.org) or you may request one by calling 410-592-7067 or sending an e-mail message to djlane@juno.com.



Stock Market Challenge 2008— Another Successful Fundraiser!

SMC 2008, our 13th Stock Market Challenge, "Kicked-Off on March 1, 2008, and ran through the close of the U.S. markets on Wednesday, April 30, 2008. SMC 2008's 321 entries represented participants in 17 states—California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

It was an interesting two months for the markets. Stocks were down in March but came back strong in April. The performance of our 53 SMC 2008 stocks from March 1 2008, through April 30, 2008, ranged from an increase of 39.14% for Apple Computer to a decrease 29.80% for UnitedHealth Group.

Rozanne Gabrielson of Whitehaven, MD, came in first with a portfolio that grew 19.1%; **Linda Wilson of Monkton, MD**, placed second with a 16.51% increase in her portfolio; and **Ken Bollinger, Jr.** was third with growth of 16.08%.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Your support is appreciated. The funds raised by this project will be used for our club's youth and community projects.

Mark your calendar now for Stock Market Challenge 2009. The deadline for entries will be February 28, 2009, and the contest will run March 2, 2008 through April 30, 2009. Stock suggestions for SMC 2009 are welcome at anytime. Just let us know your favorites and we'll do our best to include them.



Happy Birthday

- Adam Drescher - 05/13
- Carol Applegate - 05/15
- Fred Figlewski - 05/28
- Kevin Alban - 06/06
- Bill Litsinger - 06/08
- Orville Hughes - 06/15



Happy Anniversary

- Bill & Ellen Jo Litsinger - 06/14
- Dennis & Ann Lane - 06/15
- David & Susan Page - 06/18
- Ashby & Mary Jane Shanks - 06/19
- Bill & Nancy Hauck - 06/24
- Bruce & Kathy Cook - 06/26
- Donald & Chris Bennett - 06/27

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GIOC in Action

Optimists Say Farewell to Chinese Exchange Students—

The Cocksylvia, Timonium, and Greater Jacksonville Optimist Clubs hosted a Farewell Party for the Dulaney High School Chinese Exchange Students, their host students, and their host families at Future Home Annex (the barn) on Saturday, April 5, 2008.

It was a fun afternoon including food—hamburgers, hot dog, salads, snacks, ice cream sundaes—games, getting to know our visitors, and a special power point presentation showing their activities during their two month visit.



2008 Scholarship Oratorical Contest



Ten boys and seven girls from Our Lady of Grace school and St. James Academy spoke on the topic, "Why Me? Why Not?" in our club's Oratorical contest held on April 8 at St. James Academy.

J.C. Lazzaro from St. James won the boys contest and MaryJo Fabziak from Our Lady of Grace won the girls contest. J.C. and MaryJo represented our club in the Zone 9 contest which we hosted on April 23. They did well in the Zone Contest but did not place. The winners of the Zone contest moved on to the District where they competed for a \$1,500 scholarship.

A special thank you goes out to Ms. JoMaire Tolj of Our Lady of Grace and Ms. Trish Swanson for preparing their students for the contest. We look forward to working with students from both schools again next year. **The 2009 topic is, "For Me, Optimism is . . ."**



2008 Scholarship Essay Contest

Four students accepted the challenge of competing in our club's Essay contest and wrote essays on the topic, "Today's Choices Shape My Future."

Maryanna Price of Millers, Maryland, a student at the University of Maryland, won our club's contest and her essay was entered the in Maryland/South Delaware District contest.

Sarah Rice, who was sponsored by the Rockville Optimist Club won the District contest and received a \$650 scholarship and her essay went on to the Optimist International contest where she placed third and won a \$2,250 scholarship. The first place winner from Quebec won a \$6,000 scholarship and the second place winner from Ontario won \$3,750.

We thank Ms. Joyce Cottle for encouraging her students at St. James Academy to enter the contest and we look forward to their participation again next year. The topic for the 2009 contest is "**The Power of Youth.**"

Dulaney High School Grad Gala—We received a thank you letter from the DHS PTSA Grad Gala Committee for our club's \$100 donation in support of the Gala.

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Towson University Optimist Club



The Optimistic Tigers on the evening of the Relay!



Some of the members of the Optimistic Tigers Relay for Life Team are shown above with the trophy they received for leading the way as the number one team in Towson University's first ever American Cancer Society Relay for Life on April 4-5, 2008. The Optimistic Tigers Relay for Life team raised over \$4,600. Congratulations!

Visits to the Children's House at Johns Hopkins



TU Optimists made two visits in to the Children's House at Johns Hopkins in April to serve Family Suppers to the families of children being treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Oratorical Contest—The Towson University Club held their first ever Oratorical Contest on April 17, 2008. Below: Top - Contest Participants; Left - GJOC member Dave Ward assists TU contest chair Jake Robbins-Spevak, and TU President John Marsicano complete the contest paperwork; Right - Contest Judges work to determine the winners for TU committee members.



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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