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

CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009

Club Dinner Meeting

6:30 PM

Future Home

Program—Presentation on Our Children's Playground at the new Sweet Air Park

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009

Villa Maria Fair

Villa Maria on Dulaney Valley Rd. Fun & Games with the kids Halloween theme

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009

5K Cross country Run, Hike & One mile Fun Walk at Cromwell Valley Park
10:00 AM

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009

Zone 9 Meeting

9:00 AM at the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Company on York Road

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009

Club/Board Meeting

7:30 PM at Future Home

Fri. Evening/Sat, Nov. 13-14, 2009

Maryland/South Delaware District Board Meeting/Conference

Plaza Hotel--Hagerstown, MD

Youth Appreciation Dinner

November date and location to be announced soon

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Family Supper at the Children's House at Johns Hopkins.

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009

Club/Board Meeting

7:30 PM at Future Home

BALTIMORE COUNTY
Sweet Air Park

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Nomination forms for the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's 2009-2010 Outstanding Youth Awards which recognize youth for their efforts in the arts, athletics, academics, and community service were e-mailed to all members, are available on our club's web site, and a copy is enclosed.

You are invited to **nominate high school juniors or seniors from the Greater Jacksonville area for these awards.** The youth will be recognized at a dinner in November.

Please share the information about the Outstanding Youth Awards with others who might like to nominate a young person they know.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Youth Appreciation Program, please contact **Dave Ward at 410-666-0086 or cdavidward@aol.com.**

The deadline for nominations is **Saturday, October 31, 2009.**

Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
6:30 PM
Future Home Annex

Program Topic: Plans for "Our Children's Playground" at the new Sweet Air Park

Ms. Gina Vitrano from a local Mom's Club will share information about the playground and how our club can be involved in the playground project. The official groundbreaking for the Sweet Air park, shown at left was held on October 2.

Please contact **Dave Ward at 410-666-0086 or cdavidward@aol.com by Mon., October 19** to make your reservations for the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. Guests are welcome!

Villa Fair at Villa Maria School
Saturday, October 24, 2009

Our next youth project is the Villa Fair at the Villa Maria School on Dulaney Valley Road in Timonium. This is an opportunity to work directly with the kids.

Members of the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club along with members of the TU Optimist Club are invited to volunteer at the Villa Fair which is a fun activity for the students at Villa Maria School and their families involving games, craft activities, entertainment, and food. It is also a fun activity for those who volunteer to assist with the activities at the fair. **The theme of this year's fair is "Halloween."** You may wear a costume, but it is not required.

The fair runs from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and some volunteers are asked to arrive at 9:00 AM to help with the setup. **Dennis Lane** is our Club's contact person for the Villa Fair. If you would like to participate, **please contact Dennis at 410-592-2574 or djlane@juno.com.**

Dennis and Ann Lane are also coordinating the activity with the members of the Towson University Club and will be asking members of our Club to help provide transportation for some of the TU Optimists from their campus to Villa Maria. If you would be able to assist with transportation for the TU Optimists **please contact Dennis and Ann at 410-592-2574, 401-592-7067, or djlane@juno.com.** Thank you!

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

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**CLUB/BOARD
MEETINGS**

First Wed. of Each Month
7:30 PM at
FUTURE HOME
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
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Club Youth and
Community Service Activities
are held throughout the year

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**Talmar* 5K &
One Mile Fun Walk**

This year, the **Talmar 5k (Saturday October 24, 2009) will support the hunger in our Baltimore community.** The run, hike, and walk begin at 10:00 AM. Registration is \$25.00 on race day.

Dave Ward e-mailed information about this event to all GJOC members who have e-mail. If you didn't get it and would like to participate, you can download a registration form at www.talmar.org.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with the activity. **If you would like to volunteer as a representative of our club, please contact Dave Ward at 410-666-0086 or cdauidward@aol.com.**

*Therapeutic Alternatives of Maryland



**Optimist
International
Scholarship
Essay
Contest—**

Who: Youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2009.

What: 500 word essay on "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?" following the guidelines provided by Optimist International.

Prizes: District winner—\$2,500 scholarship; Optimist International winners—1st \$6,000, 2nd \$3,750, and 3rd \$2,250 scholarships.

Rules & Entry Form: On our website at www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.

Deadline: January 23, 2010.



**Internet
Safety**

Watch for information on this new program!

2009-2010 Dues

Dues invoices for the Oct. 1, 2009—Sept. 30, 2010 Optimist year will be mailed soon.

The members at the Optimist International (OI) convention in Orlando in July voted to increase the OI dues by \$10. As a result our Club's dues have been increased by \$10.00

Please send your check to Treasurer Pam McCollum by November 15, 2009. Thank you very much.

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.

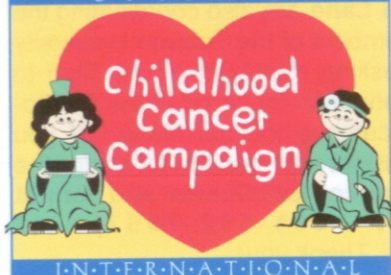
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

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.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

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**\$1,000,000
for Childhood Cancer!**

Optimist Clubs in the U.S. have raised \$1,000,000 for the childhood cancer research project at Johns Hopkins. That includes funds from our club's Golf Balls Against Childhood Cancer and our aluminum can recycling project.

Happy Birthday

Dave Gilmore - 10/15
Dennis Lane - 10/29
Ed Sturtevant - 10/29
Chad Casserly - 11/13

Happy Anniversary

None in October



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Looking Back--

Scenes from our club's 25th anniversary celebration held on September 26 at the Ashland Café Catering Hall.



It was a fun evening looking back over our 25 years as Optimists. The slide show prepared by Fred Figlewski brought back many memories. Our Charter members received a special framed copy of the Optimist Creed from Dave Ward. Past President Carol Dunstan received a President's Citation from Optimist International President Don Sievers which was presented by GJOC President Barbara Crain. Our 2009-2010 Board of Directors was installed by Lt. Gov. Mark Harris. Members of several other clubs joined in the celebration with us and our club received special recognition from several elected officials in Baltimore County and the State of Maryland.

Congratulations on 25 wonderful years of serving our community and "Bringing Out the Best in Kids!"



GJOC's 2009-2010 Board of Directors: (l. to r.) Pres. Barbara Crain, Treasurer Pam McCollum, IVP Carol Porcher, COB Carol Dunstan, Secr. Mike Borowitz, Directors—Dennis Lane, Carol Applegate, Fred Figlewski, Dave Ward, & Adam Drescher.

Together Everyone Achieves More!

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Maryland/South Delaware District Zone 9 Lt. Governor Mark Harris installed the 2009-2010 Towson University Optimist Club Executive Board at their meeting on Oct. 14. Pictured above (l. to r.): Lt. Gov. Mark Harris, Pres. Jessica Ross, Treasurer Christy Stutzel, Secretary Ben Korelitz, VP Public Relations Ashleigh Nessel, VP Community Service Brigit Htoon, Exec. VP Jill North, VP Event Coordination Caroline Abrams, VP Fundraising Carly Garbatow, and VP Membership Hannah Himelstein. VP Technology Ryan McCoy was not present for the picture.

Pictured below: Members of the TU Optimist Club at their October 14 meeting.



TU Optimist Club

The Towson University Club had a table at the Student Involvement Fair in September which was followed by an Orientation meeting where current members shared information about the club and invited the prospective members to join. The club currently has 25 members and has membership applications from several more interested students.

The 2009-2010 Executive Board was installed at the club meeting on October 14 and a calendar for a busy semester was reviewed. Club meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in Room 003 in Linthicum Hall on the TU campus. Below is a list of meetings and activities planned for the Fall Semester:

- Saturday, Oct. 17— Psoriasis Walk at the Inner Harbor
 - Saturday, Oct. 24 — Villa Fair at the Villa Maria School in Timonium
 - Wednesday, Oct. 28 — Club Meeting
 - Sunday, Nov. 1 — Fundraising project at Baltimore Ravens Game
 - Wednesday, Nov. 4 — Family Supper at the Children's House at Johns Hopkins
 - Wednesday, Nov. 10 — Club Meeting
 - Sunday, Nov 29 — Fundraising project at Baltimore Ravens Game
 - Friday, Dec. 4 — Family Supper at the Children's House at John Hopkins
 - Wednesday, Dec. 9 — Club Meeting
 - Sunday, Dec. 13 — Fundraising project at Baltimore Ravens Game
- Executive Board Meetings will be scheduled at a time and place to be announced by President Jessica Ross.

The club will sponsor a Optimist Oratorical contest for youth up to the age of 16 in the Spring semester and will participate in Relay for Life on the campus in the Spring.

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