



# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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*Mission Statement—By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.*

## Upcoming Calendar Dates

Fireworks meeting Monday 5/12 at 8 pm, Zoom  
HOBY Leadership Seminar June 5-8 Towson University  
Fireworks meeting in person 6/9 at 8 pm at CMRC  
Jacksonville Fireworks Saturday June 28



## Stock Market Challenge Final Payout \$894.00

\$401.50	Patrick Malone	\$11,074.10	Cockeysville Optimist member
\$182.50	Steve Watkeys	\$10,361.56	Jacksonville Opt & Vol Fire Co
\$100.00	Mike Borowitz	\$10,360.87	Jacksonville Optimist
\$30.00	Barbara Crain	\$10,149.13	Jacksonville Optimist member
\$30.00	Nathan Drescher	\$10,059.04	Optimist family
\$25.00	Jim Yates	\$10,039.10	Optimist
\$25.00	Tricia Lane-Forster	\$9,984.64	Timonium Optimist
\$25.00	Stephen Boliek	\$9,802.05	Optimist family
\$25.00	Susan Boulay	\$9,790.84	Friend
\$25.00	Rachel Hauck	\$9,780.09	Optimist family
\$25	Kelly Sullivan	\$7,873.44	(last place)

Only 6 people of the 146 participants gained in April. A little better than March. Weis Markets jumped ahead of BJ's and grew the most at 16.23% (we still eat & look for bargains). Netflix is 3rd so I guess we are staying home more. Only 9 of 34 stocks increased.

Three people missed the SMC date but donated to our projects. Thank you.



## Zone 5 Oratorical April 8

Four students competed "How Optimism Has Guided Me Through Trying Times" and the top 2 received a \$25 check Sarah Wagner and Sofia Selvi from St. Joseph's in Cockeysville. They will attend Ocean City Conference to compete against 6 other students.



## MDSD District Oratorical

Eight students competed. Our Zone contestant received 2nd place. MDSD

Winners receive college scholarship awards of \$2500, \$1500, and \$1000.



Top three winners



Carol and Sarah Wagner

## Optimist Club Officers 2024-2025

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## CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of the Month  
7:00 PM  
Call to confirm.

Meeting Site  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
3911 Sweet Air Rd.  
Phoenix, 21131

## **Believe in Tomorrow House**

Johns Hopkin's Children's Cancer Respite houses/condos in Ocean City now number four with two more coming on line in June. I shopped at BJ's with our club donation of \$300 and delivered to Ocean City on April 26. Along with other clubs, we filled two truck beds with items: beach towels, sunscreen, beach toys/activity books, individual snacks/cereal/oatmeal/candy. Coffee and creamers. Thank you Carol Porcher for donated items. Thank you, Ashby Shanks for matching the club's donation. Your check is a welcome addition to the work that Optimists across our state have helped to make the lives of these children a little happier.



### **Happy May Birthdays!**

Steve Porcher	5/5
Adam Drescher	5/13
Carol Applegate	5/15



## **Fireworks Saturday June 28**

The Optimist and CMRC committee is working to host a larger, longer fireworks. Karin is planning more children's activities and more face painters. Doug is organizing the field, food vendors, and clean up. Chad is in charge of the Bucket Brigade for donations on the field. It's all free to the community because we raise the funds through the \$500 raffle (see us at the shopping center weekends in June), donations from community businesses, and donations from CMRC registration platform.

Thank our Jacksonville businesses for donating: Manor Center Merchants, Keene Dodge, Jacksonville Veterinary, Ron Schlicht State Farm Insurance, Hayes Construction, and Gilmore & Associates, INC.

## **HOB Y**

We have sponsored the Fallston High School sophomore to attend the 4-day, overnight leadership seminar at Towson University. Stages of personal, group and societal leadership are discussed along with volunteerism, listening, team building and role playing. Carol Applegate will have a table at the Networking Session on community clubs like Optimists, Kiwanis, Women's Clubs and Jaycees. 40+ tables of career opportunities will be showcased. Carol will also lead the Gratitude Session where students learn to write thank you cards to sponsors and speakers.



## **Did you know?**

Snapple tells us...Every hour more than a billion cells in the body are replaced.

### **Special Days in June**

6/6 Donut Day	6/16 Sea Turtle Day
6/8 Ocean's Day	6/18 Sushi Day
6/14 Strawberry Shortcake Day	6/21 Music Day
	6/25 Catfish Day—not sure if it means Koi pond or dinner!

