



GREATER JACKSONVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB CALENDAR 2023-2024
Meetings, Projects, and Community Opportunities
St. John's Lutheran Church, 3911 Sweet Air Rd., Phoenix, MD

October 2023

Dues billing mailed September, follow up. Barbara Crain
Beginning of essay contest: "Optimism: How It Connects Us"
Thursday, October 4 – membership meeting 7:00
Monday, Oct 9 – Fireworks community meeting 7:00
Newsletter

November 2023

Thursday, November 2 – membership meeting 7:00 at St. John's
Saturday, November 3-5 - MDSO Optimist Conference Harpers Ferry
Annual review of by-laws – Adam Drescher

December 2023

Thursday, December 7 NO MEETING
Monday, December 11, 7 pm. ID Celebration Zoom meeting
Saturday, December 16 – 7:30 am Shop with a Cop Walmart Hunt Valley
Saturday, December 16 – noon, Wreaths Across America, Dulaney Memorial Gardens
December newsletter

January 2024

No club meeting
Monday, January 8, 7pm. ID Celebration meeting Zoom
SMC/club newsletter mailing/fundraiser kick-off – Chair Carol A
January 26 Essay contest submittals due to club

February 2024

Stock Market Challenge (SMC) fundraiser continues
Optimist Day February 1 – wear Optimist attire
Thursday, February 1 – membership meeting 7:00 pm
Friday 2/2 to Sunday 2/4, 2nd Quarter MDSO Conference California, MD
Monday, February 12, 7pm, ID Celebration meeting
SMC /club newsletter
Essay judging 2nd week (club winner due to MDSO 2/28/24)
Thursday, February 29 –SMC deadline postmarked or handed to a board member

March 2024

Thursday, March 7 – Zoom membership meeting 7:00. (Carol A away)
Monday, March 11, 7pm, ID Celebration meeting (might be Zoom if Carol A away or skip)
SMC mid-point end Friday March 29
Optimist elementary age Visual Arts Competition
Sunday, March 31 Easter

April 2024

Thursday, April 4 – membership meeting 7:00 Essay winners reading & awards. (Spring break 3/25-4/1)

Newsletter with mid-point SMC ratings emailed

Monday, April 8, 7pm, ID Celebration meeting

Friday to Sunday April 26 – April 28 MDSD Optimist Convention Castle in the Sand, Ocean City

Tuesday April 30 SMC ends

May 2024

Thursday, May 2 – membership meeting 7:00

May newsletter with SMC end

Monday, May 13, 7pm, ID Celebration meeting

Report due to Opt Int of 2024-25 club officers. New term.

June 2024

Raffle sales for Independence Day Fri/Sat/Sun all month

Thursday, June ?– membership meeting 7:00 (6th is same day as HOBY)

HOBY June 6-9 Towson University

Monday June 10, 7pm, ID Celebration meeting

June Newsletter

Saturday 29 Fireworks; rain date 6/30

July 2024

July membership meeting canceled

July/Aug newsletter

TBA F/U ID fireworks meeting

August 2024

August membership meeting canceled

Fri-Sun August 16-18 MDSD Optimist weekend Lancaster, PA

September 2024

Thursday, September 5 – membership meeting 7:00 or cancel

Dues billing sent out

September newsletter

Thursday September 19 - Club Anniversary date (project or event to be determined)

Club Pride Report due

Welcome back elementary school year for teachers/admin gift card

Ongoing projects annually

Childhood Cancer coin boxes – Chair Adam Drescher

Aluminum can drop off at Price's farm for Childhood Cancer. 2626 Stockton Rd, Phoenix, at fenced site by road near barn. See the Optimist sign.

Villa's Closet or other project – Chair Carol P

Oratorical Contest if a chair steps up How to Change the World with Optimism"

Meeting dates and projects may be changed, added or deleted as required.

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