



Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc.

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Here's a way to put some new zip in your life--It's the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club!

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club offers you an opportunity to meet some great people and work together on some special projects right here in your community. Optimists are positive people taking positive action producing positive results.

Chartered: September 19, 1984 (Sponsored by the Timonium Optimist Club)

Membership Year: October 1 - September 30

Members: Currently 25 men and women with room for you

Meetings & Activities:

- First Thursday of each month at St. John's 3911 Sweet Air Rd, Phoenix, MD 21131.
- Periodically hold dinner meetings with guest speakers and community service projects.
- Social activities are held throughout the year according to members' interests.

International Affiliation: Optimist International(www.optimist.org)

- Founded: June 19,1919
- Mission: By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.
- Motto: "Friend of Youth"
- 90,000 Adult Members in 2,500 Clubs in 30+ Countries and 17,000+ Youth Members in 600+ JOI Clubs

Regional Affiliation: Maryland/South Delaware Optimist District (www.mdsdoptimist.org)

- 800+ Adult Members in 26 Clubs and 100+ Youth Members in five JOI Clubs

MAJOR PROJECTS

- Greater Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration: ON HOLD for 2023

YOUTH PROJECTS:

- Activities with the children at the St. Vincent's Villa School
- Annual Scholarship Essay Contest in Nov.-Jan. for youth under age 19
- Annual Scholarship Oratorical Contest in March for youth under the age of 19
- Annual Christmas Shop With a Cop Program to benefit disadvantaged youth
- Participate in the Maryland/South Delaware District & Optimist International Childhood Cancer Campaign (Includes recycling aluminum cans & coin boxes in Jacksonville stores)
- Sponsor Youth in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship
- Sponsor Youth to HOBY—Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, a 4 day event for high school sophomores
- Sponsor Eagle Scout project

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:

- Assist local community families, youth, and organizations as needed
- Annual Fund Raiser: Stock Market Challenge: January - April

MEMBERSHIP:

- New members pay a one-time \$15.00 processing fee. Annual dues are \$100.
- Spouses' annual dues are discounted.
- After the first year, dues are payable by October 1.

You are Invited to Learn More About Your Opportunity for Involvement!

- Call Barbara Crain 410-785-0410 or Carol Applegate 410-746-0150
- Visit our website (www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org)