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

As you relax after the holidays, remember Stock Market Challenge Kick Off Thursday January 18 at 6:30. Dinner provided.

Membership Meetings

Report: Thomas Snyder presented "How to write a press release" to the board and members 12/7. Thank you Tom. There will be no membership meeting in January—see you 1/18 instead!



Shop with a Cop Hunt Valley WalMart

Report: Because of mother nature's snow flurries two weeks in a row, the 106 children were escorted by their assigned Baltimore County Police officers to individually shop during the week before Christmas. We helped make their holidays a little brighter by donating \$1,000. Thank you members!

Wreaths Across America at Dulaney Valley Cemetery

Report: 12/16 Mary Ann Hand, her daughter, my friend Judy & I laid wreaths in the veterans section and also a few in the police area who were also vets.

Club Holiday Party at Dave's

Report: 12/16 We all had fun, ate well (thank you Dave and Joann for BBQ, hot dogs, salads). Members also brought sides & sweets. See photos p. 5.

Johns Hopkins Believe in Tomorrow House

Our club donated baggies, napkins, paper plates, canned foods, pasta & sauces, cereal, peanut butter, mac & cheese, cleaning supplies, coloring books, crayons, and fidgets. Good Work! We received a nice thank you letter last week from a very pleased "House".



Optimist Essay Contest January 22 deadline

Know any students who enjoy writing? The topic is "Can Society Function Without Respect?" for students under the age of 18 by Oct 1 with proof of age by birth certificate or passport. 700 to 800 words. The winner from our club will go onto the District competition for monetary awards. Chair: Terri Parrish 443-275-1217 gogorlthg@aol.com



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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of Month
7:30 PM
FUTURE HOME
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
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Stock Market Challenge (SMC) 2018 Kick Off Dinner Thursday January 18, 6:30 PM

SMC is our club’s main fund raiser to support all our projects and donations toward area youth. It declined from our high 400 past participants and then 2017 we started to pick back up to 254. Please help us to increase sales again. Help get the flyers out. Then please participate by selling tickets to friends and buying a \$20 ticket—or 2 or 3 yourself! It’s fun to guess which stocks will rise in two months. Will your chosen five stocks win the big prize of \$750? Or consolation last place \$20? Or somewhere in between!

SMC 2018 kicks off at the club’s dinner meeting on Thursday, January 18. Members will enjoy dinner and then prepare the SMC 2018 packets that will be mailed to 400 people who have participated in the last three years.

Each SMC participant will select five different stocks from the list of 52 stocks on the entry form which will then be set up in a portfolio with \$2,000 of each of their five stocks for a total portfolio value of \$10,000, based on stock prices at the close of the markets on Friday, February 28, 2014. The SMC is a competition to see whose portfolios perform the best over the months of March and April. Sixteen financial prizes from \$750 to \$10 will be awarded at the midpoint (5) and at the end (11).

The SMC is a simulation and no money is invested in stocks. SMC participants are actually making a donation supporting GJOC’s youth and community activities

The postmark deadline for SMC 2018 entries is Wednesday, February 28, 2018. SMC 2018 will run from Thursday, March 1 through Monday, April 30, 2018.

Now is the time to make a list of people you would like to invite to participate. We have less than six weeks to collect the entries. **Postmarked 2/28/19 means just that—not sitting in a post box that mail doesn’t get picked up until the next day.** Last year we sent 6 entries back—that’s \$120 we lost for our community.



Optimist of the Year 2017

Our club honored Carol Porcher with Optimist of the Year for her many years of devoted service. She likes to work in the background but steps up as Vice President and chaired the Independence Day festivities again in 2017. Carol has been a member since 9/2000 and is married to member Steve for 33 years. She became involved with GJOC when Mary Lu Hartley asked her to judge the Independence Day Bike Parade. “That was much harder to do than I realized when you see all those red-white-and blue eager faces! Turns out, that if you are a member, you couldn’t judge so I joined and that was the best thing I did!”

In March 2018, she will be celebrating 25 years as Assistant Manger at PNC. She is a “homebody” who enjoys gardening and yard work. She is involved in her church as Social Director and sings in the choir and she relaxes by watching TV and reading magazines with her kitty on her lap.

The GJOC is better for her dedicated membership. .We thank her for her many hours for service.



Carol Applegate attended the MDSD Optimist Convention in Hagerstown in November. Governor ...presided over the weekend's meeting & festivities.



Past Governor Dave Bowman presented an afternoon of training to the members.

Respect for Law



On November 16 we honored member Steve Watkey as our Respect for Law recipient. As president of the Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company he spoke about the history and our communities needs.

- ◆ 1953 incorporated
- ◆ 1973 helicopter pad
- ◆ Engines 471 & 473, Brush 472, Tanker support 474, Medic 475, Special unit 476, Utility 477
- ◆ 1,200 ambulances responses in 2016 (13% over 2015)
- ◆ 2017 over 2,000 fire and medical emergencies
- ◆ Alcohol related driving incidents and drug overdoses are rising

Companies can no longer depend on full time volunteers and charity to cover the needs of the community. Baltimore County partially supports Jacksonville. Some EMS personnel hours are supported too. If you think about 2018, many families have both parents working plus higher education night school and children's activities take a toll on volunteer hours. Our club donated \$200 to support the Fire Company.

Please support Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company when they ask for help. We depend on their assistance in our community.

Zone 6 Meeting Saturday January 13 10:00 AM

Woodlawn Rec Center 21031 Woodlawn Dr., Gwynn Oak 21207. If anyone wants to join me call — Carol A 410-746-0150.

Mary Ann’s Corner—Did you know...January

January is named after the Roman God Janus, who is shown with two heads.

January’s birthstone is Garnet

January’s zodiac signs are Capricorn and Aquarius

The flower is carnation

1/1/1801 Ireland was added to Great Britain

1/1/1863 Emancipation Proclamation

1/3/1959 Alaska admitted as 49th state

1/8/1987 Dow Jones first topped 2,000 mark



Pat Applegate’s photo of the super moon.

OptimistBull Roast Saturday January 20

\$55 Martins West 1-5 PM. For tickets contact Mark Harris 410-252-1501.

Math Counts—Contact Mike Borowitz mborowit@jhmi.edu

Date of Competition: **Saturday, February 3, 2018**

Time of Competition: **9:00 am to 2:30 pm (Registration begins at 8:15 am)**

Location: **McDonogh School (Edward St. John Student Center)
8600 McDonogh Road; Owings Mills, MD 21117**

Jaycee Senator Bull & Oyster Roast March 3

Timonium Holiday Inn. 7-11 PM. \$45 More info coming soon.

Carol & Pat A are going.



Hereford Bingo Saturday March 24