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

Independence Day Celebration July 1, 2017



Set up crew 7/1/2017

Carol Porcher, Project Chair

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Mike Borowicz

Adam Drescher

Dave Ward

Well, we did it again!! Thank you one and all for a successful Independence Day Celebration.

Adam, what would we do without your truck to move all the supplies!!! Barbara makes it all happen—paper work for permits, contact with Fantastic Fireworks, Inc., police and fire department, her attention to all details comes through. Mike—thanks for enabling Jacksonville Optimists to pay the bills (raffle tickets and bucket brigade). Dave recruited the business contributions and has already written the thank you letters. Fred—Mr. Lights, Sr. Center, stage & wonderful band—I appreciate all the tasks you do AND keeping ME on task! The manpower support from Ravens Roost really was a great help through raffle sales, event day and cleanup. THANK YOU everyonewe ALL made this a safe and happy event for Jacksonville.

The bucket total came to \$2,270.51

Total deposits as of today: \$11,742.89

We are in the black! Our treasurer is happy and the community had a safe, fun-filled evening!

Carol Porcher, Chair



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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of Month

7:30 PM

FUTURE HOME

12900 Jarrettsville Pike

Phoenix, MD 21131

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Hereford Club Golf Tournament

7/17 @ 7AM, Oakmont Green Course. kenfern@comcast.net

Business Meeting Thursday August 3, 7:30 @ Dave's

Please join us. All members and guests are welcome.

MDSD Optimist 4th Quarter Convention

District 33 meeting is August 11-13 at the Holiday Inn, 604 Station Rd. Grantville, PA 17028 near Hershey. We will join the Atlantic Central District in a combined meeting. Carol A is going up for Saturday if anyone wants a ride.



Wreaths across America

Steve Wheeler and Scout Troop #444 distributed fliers July 1 to support the cost of wreaths for 3,500 veterans at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens next December 16. 410-456-5536. Later they Presented the

Colors for us all to pledge allegiance before the fireworks began!

Happy Birthday!

Tom Hodgins	7/13
Stephanie Maskovyak	7/23
Bob Cook	7/28



Mary Ann's Corner—Did you know...July

is named after Julius Caesar
Lily is the flower for July
Ruby is the birthstone

We are all waiting for tomatoes and corn this month. Tomatoes are a fruit, there are about 10,000 varieties and they originally came from Peru.

Corn is grown over the world except in Antarctica, Cornflakes only contains 8% corn, allergies to corn are common, most ears have 800 kernels and 16 rows. The USA is the #1 producer with 96,000,000 acres in production.



1918
US poster

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.



Everyone who has ever taken a shower has an idea. It's the person who gets out of the shower, dries off and does something about it who makes a difference.

Nolan Bushnell



Veterans at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens will be honored as part of the Wreaths across America's "Nationwide Remembrance Ceremony". Our goal is to have a wreath placed for each of the known, thirty-five hundred veterans at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. Individuals, groups, families, schools, organizations, churches and companies are needed to help make this event a success in honoring our nation's veterans.

Remember Our Fallen Veteran
Honor Those Who Serve
Teach Children the value of Freedom

You can make this possible by donating \$15 per wreath. Your donation can be done electronically at the Wreaths across America website or by completing the form on the back and mailing it with your check.

- ★ Wreath sponsorships are tax deductible as 501 (c)3 non-profit organization
- ★ Donations for this event must be made by **November 20, 2017**.
- ★ The event will take place on **Saturday, December 16, 2017 at noon**.

Location Coordinator: Steven Wheeler
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Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause.
Abraham Lincoln

Please visit the **WAA website for credit card purchases:**
www.wreathscrossamerica.org

ELECTRONIC ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Click on **RED** donate button
2. Select sponsor a wreath for a local group (**third option**)
3. At the map search type in our group ID: **MD0200**
4. Location ID: **MDDVYM**

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete form below and mail with your check.

WREATH SPONSORSHIP FORM Location ID: **MDDVYM**

Group ID #: **MD0200**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsorship Levels	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual=1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Family=4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 or More			
Corporate = 100 or More			
Grand Total:			

Make checks payable and mail to:
 Wreaths Across America™
 P.O. Box 249 Columbia Falls, ME 04643
 Questions Call: 410-456-5536



Early arrivals get the best hill seats, enjoy the food vendors and bring the young ones to play.

Pre-show events: “The Jury” Band, Cubie the Clown, balloon sculptures, tattoo table, bubbles, hula hoops, bean bag toss and beach balls.

The winner of the **\$500 Raffle** to support the fireworks was **Kara McGee**. Congratulations!





Thank you to our friends and corporate sponsors who made our Independence Day Celebration financially successful. The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club appreciate your community support.

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23 minutes of wonderful fireworks!

They say that everyone wants to be a part of something good. The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club Annual Independence Day celebration is testimony that family, community, business and civic minded people look forward to the opportunity to participate. I am proud to be a part of Jacksonville's Optimist Club. Our annual fireworks and Independence Day Celebration is a wonderful gift from Optimists to the community we serve and more.

Congratulations to everyone. A special thanks to Carol Porcher for the dedication and patience to lead the way.

Highest Regards,
 Dave Ward
 Director



Thank you Ben Sorteberg for volunteering to set up, play with children and clean up on Sunday morning.

Sunday morning clean up—10 members and Ravens Roost