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

A Message from Carol Applegate, President

Our new Optimist year began on October 1 and we have 37 outstanding members. If we were larger, we could do more community service and spread the workload. I am asking you to think about your friends, family and co-workers (or co-retirees) and see who would have a few hours to give, someone who wants to socialize with great people, and increase their skills as volunteers. Our membership is open. Ask and you might be surprised.

This month we celebrate the bountifulness of our country and community. We are blessed with opportunities for our success. The cold and recently damp weather brings out the arthritis in my limbs, but I am thankful for all I have. I am grateful that I can share. We all have favorite projects. Mine is HOBY, a leadership seminar for high sophomores. I plan to send an extra check this year. Please do the same for your favorite charity. Each donation is appreciated and your gift just might spark a smile in a child, set a fuller plate of food on the table, or keep someone warm this winter.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our outstanding members and their families.

Hugs,
Carol



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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of
Month
7:30 PM
12900 Jarrettsville
Pike

Membership Meeting Nov. 7 @ 7:30 at Dave's

COB Barbara Crain will be presiding since Carol A is having right knee replacement on Nov. 6.

Membership Meeting Dec. 5 @ 7:30 at Dave's**Zone 6 meeting Saturday 10/26 at Applegate's house**

REPORT: 10 Optimists joined us for brunch. Zone Lt. Gov. Ken Bollinger presided.

**MD/SD Optimist Convention Weekend**

REPORT: Carol Applegate and Mary Ann Hand attended the Saturday Hagerstown meeting. Carol introduced Emmie Voss HOBY 2018 who spoke to the members. Carol also lead 2 short leadership trainings. The first was on Optimist International, Region, District, Zone & Club organization. The second was reading with comprehension. Often we zip through our emails & texts and really don't read because we think we know what is coming. One missed or incorrectly read word can make a difference!

Loch Raven High School

Holly and I wanted to thank the Jacksonville Optimist Club for the donation to the Loch Raven High School cross county team. Holly is the captain of the team and they are raising money for uniforms for 2020. Thank you very much—Holly and Mary Ann Hand.

Children's Cancer—Mary Ann Hand

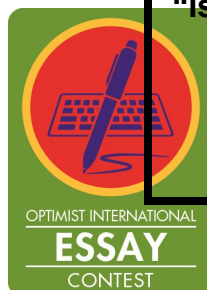
I wanted to thank Papermill Pharmacy, Roma Restaurant and the Jacksonville Liquor store for allowing me to place the Children's Cancer collection boxes there. I appreciate their kindness to help raise money for families who come from near or out of town and stay at Believe in Tomorrow House to be with their kids who are being treated at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Please drop your change or greenbacks into the receptacles as you shop in these Jacksonville stores.

A Thought for the Holidays—Mary Ann Hand

I feel that if we all spend more time listening to other's issues, problems, etc, we can make all our lives more positive. The art of listening has been semi lost when we feel the need to talk over and finish a sentence or feel as though we know the answer before the problem is presented. There are times when just listening, really listening, to someone, is enough of an answer than any help we can ever offer them.

**Happy October Birthdays!**

Chad Casserly	11/13
Shon McCollum	11/15
Steven Watkeys	11/17



Optimist Essay Contest
\$2500 District Award
\$100, \$75 & \$50 Club Awards
"Is Optimism the Key to Achieving the
Dreams you iMagine?
Due mid-January
Under 19 of age by Oct.1
Chair: Terri

MD/SD 1st Quarter Convention November 2

Thank you Mary Ann Hand for accompanying me to Hagerstown for the meeting. Governor Dale Hoffert ran a great meeting and we were visited by our own Optimist International (OI) VP David Bowman. We do have some real home-grown leaders. Mark Harris is on the OI Activities Committee. He gave us a hint of new programs for youth in the arts that is being discussed.



The Price's raffled an afghan and raised \$305 for Childhood Cancer FD. Mark Harris was the winner of the hand-made item.



OI VP Dave Bowman asked members about their Optimist experiences.

