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Mission Statement—By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves

Next Membership Dinner Meeting

Join us December 2 at 6:30 pm for in-person club updates and sharing. All are invited! We will be eating at Brookside Market. Meals are Dutch Treat. Contact Carol Porcher, Vice President, 410-357-4717.

Eagle Scout Project

On September 19th 2021 I completed my eagle scout project. It took a total of 162 service hours to plan, finance and complete. I want to once again thank the Jacksonville Optimist Club for their gener-



ous donation which helped me successfully complete my project. I raised almost \$1400. Please see the photographs depicting my progress and ultimate completion of the steps at Chestnut Grove Day Care entrance. Thanks again,

Aidan James Galloway



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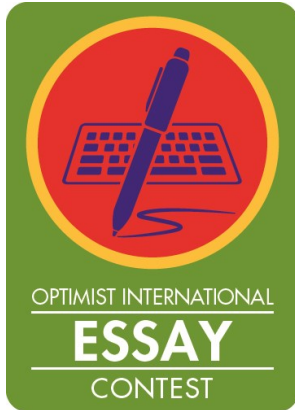
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CLUB MEETINGS
First Thursday of the Month
7:00 PM

Meeting Site
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
3911 Sweet Air Rd.
Phoenix, 21131

Ongoing Coin Banks for Childhood Cancer FD

Mary Ann reports that coin donations were \$11.72 in October. Every little bit helps!



Optimist Essay Contest
\$2500 District Award

\$100, \$75 & \$50 Club Awards
“How Does an Optimistic Mindset
Change My Tomorrow?”

Due: January 28, 2022
Under 19 of age by Oct.1
Chair: Carol Applegate

Think About this

Hate has 4 letters, so does Love.
Enemies has 7 letters, so does Friends.
Lying has 5 letters, so does Truth.
Negative has 8 letters, so does Positive.
Cry has 3 letters, so does Joy.
Anger has 5 letters, so does Happy.
Hurt has 5 letters, so does Heal.



Life is a double edged sword...so transform every negative side into an aura of positivity. We Optimists choose the better side of life.



Helen Petrich

Helen took a spill last week and is a bit black & blue. We hope that she mends quickly.

January 2021

No meeting in January. Help us put together the Stock Market Challenge mailing on Saturday January 8 at 10 AM. Mary Lu’s office is Manor Professional Bldg. 3421 Sweet Air Rd. Morning snacks & coffee!

Welcome New Member Maria Luisa Barata

Join us December 2 to welcome our newest member Maria Barata. She can be reached at mlrb2814@gmail.com. Maria is employed by Johns Hopkins Pathology and was recruited by Mike Borowitz. Maria volunteers at her church, Sacred Heart of Glyndon, as a lector. She is also a notary. She loves to travel and is a former member of the Walters Art Museum Arts Counsel. She has volunteered with the United Way, WBJC Radio fundraising, and the Johns Hopkins Professional Clothing Drive.



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



Wacky Bingo
Saturday November 6
Success!



St. Vincent's Villa's 79 children are divided into 6 units, mostly boys but with a single female house and two younger co-ed units. Students are in need of behavioral, emotional, and educational support. Sometimes they arrive with only the clothes on their back. Every child will receive a sport or game.

Thank you Team

Facilities Set Up

Adam Drescher

Set up tables, coffee, clean up after.

White Elephant/Regift

Helen Petrich

Collected bingo prizes. Received water donation. Made hat & cards.

Villa Purchasing

Carol Applegate & Mary Ann Hand

Refreshments

Carol Porcher & Mary Ann Hand

Soda, water, chips, candies, treats. Treasury.

Bingo Caller & best smile in the house

Mary Ann Hand

Prizes and Villa tables, \$ tabulation

Allison Applegate

Chair

Carol Applegate

Optimist Matching Grant Application for \$500 & report, Villa contact, sign maker, photographer, overall grunt.

Income:

\$ 500.00 grant
\$ 43.00 snacks
\$ 840.50 Bingo
\$ 80.00 cash donations
\$1463.50 total

Expenses:

\$100.00 church donation
\$ 68.98 snacks
\$168.98 total

That is \$1,294.52 to spend on the 79 children.

Thank you to everyone who brought friends and family. It was a fun Bingo the old fashioned way with cardboard cards and dried bean markers!

