



# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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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 Meeting

October 6, Zoom at 7pm.

Meeting ID: 949 6544 6505

Passcode: 082880

## Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club 38th Anniversary Dinner

Tonight, we honored the work that GJOC has completed over the year.

\*Our Wacky Bingo fundraiser covered one large or 2 smaller gifts for the 77 students at St. Vincent's Villa.



\*The Stock Market Challenge helped us to increase funding to Shop with a Cop. \$1200.

\*For 2 years we have financially supported an Eagle Scout project and hope to continue in coming years.

\*Independence Day Fireworks is loved in the community.

\*The Essay & Oratorical competitions continue.

\*HOBY sponsorship of a Fallston HS sophomore.

\*Childhood Cancer Campaign coin boxes.



We have a healthy bank balance. **Pam & Carol** see that we keep it straight. Our website is updated by **Fred** and **Adam** keeps our minutes and records current. **Barbara** reminds us to support the Dime A Day OI Foundation fundraiser. I am so proud of my board of directors.

Ten newsletters a year keep us informed. We are represented at Zone and MDSD District. Not anyone can do it all. We pick the projects important to us. Or the ones I may twist your arm to help. And I thank you all.

We honored **Caitlyn Arhar** as **Jacksonville's Fire Fighter of the Year** and Baltimore County Firefighter of the Year. She lives at the house and attends Towson University. She was unable to join us (teaching other firefighters). A gift certificate for \$25 of Strapasta was sent to her.



Our very own member **Steve Watkeys**, President of The Jacksonville Vol Fire Co, updated us on what's happening at the house and its 74 square mile territory. The new Medic (ambo) was delivered and has been on runs for 4 months—\$350,000 for a new vehicle that needs updating or replacing every 5 years. We gave Steve a \$250 check for the firehouse and thanked the house for keeping us safe.

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### CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of the Month  
7:00 PM  
Call to confirm.

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

I was honored to present **Carol Porcher** with a Special OI Member Recognition, personally signed by OI President Patsy Garner.



Lt Gov Ken Bollinger installed our 2022-23 officers.



We like to continue the tried-and-true projects but replace unneeded with new requests. Our biggest need now is for outside participation in our Independence Day fireworks. It is in peril of perishing from the Jacksonville Community. Please reach out to other groups and friends to support us.

Carol Applegate, President 2019-2023

**Shop With A Cop  
December 17**

**Happy Fall Birthdays!**

<b>Dave Gilmore</b>	<b>10/15</b>
<b>Chad Casserly</b>	<b>11/13</b>
<b>Shon McCollum</b>	<b>11/15</b>
<b>Steven Watkeys</b>	<b>11/17</b>



**Childhood Cancer Family Support FD (CCFS) 501c3**

At our 38th Anniversary Dinner, September 22 we collected \$15.66 for the children at the Johns Hopkins Cancer Center and their families. Thanks for your pocket change!

**Dues notices**

**Barbara** has sent out dues notices. Optimist International has raised dues by \$15 and we are passing it onto our regular members. We still give Life Members & couples a discount.

Regular member	\$100
Life member	\$ 63
Couple	\$165

**Optimist MDSD**

1st Quarter MDSD Meeting, Residence Inn, Arundel Mills November 4-6.

**Jacksonville Elementary School**

Our new Optimist year starts Oct 1. We are planning a pizza & salad lunch for **Jacksonville Elementary School**. **Tricia Watkeys** will deliver in 2 sets since lunch is 10:35 am through 2:20 pm. We want the nearly 70 people—teachers, staff, and maintenance—to have hot lunch! Strapasta is ready to help as soon as we pick a date. **Barbara** will design an Optimist handout to introduce us to the school staff.

# **MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES**

## **30 YEARS**

Fred Figlewski

## **20 YEARS**

Mike Borowitz

## **15 YEARS**

Shon McCollum

## **5 YEARS**

Terri Parrish

Thank you for many years of service  
to our community.

