



# 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.*



## Merry Christmas,

## Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year.



HANUKKAH



## May 2024 be happy, healthy, wealthy and

## wise, filled with good news, family and friends. From my house to yours,

## have a great holiday sea- son.

## Carol President



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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,  
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## **Happy November & December Birthdays!**

<b>Chad Casserly</b>	<b>11/13</b>	<b>Lyal Peyton</b>	<b>12/4</b>
<b>Steve Watkeys</b>	<b>11/17</b>	<b>Mike Borowitz</b>	<b>12/9</b>
<b>Chad Casserly</b>	<b>11/13</b>	<b>Ashby Shanks</b>	<b>12/30</b>



## **Next Zoom Independence Day Meeting**

Monday, Dec 11 @ 7pm.

We have interest from more concerned citizens to help.

## **Optimist MDSD**

2nd Quarter conference is February 2 to 4, Country Inn, California, MD. Carol Applegate will attend on Saturday.



## **New Optimist Year, New Dues**

Most members have paid their dues but a few remain. The new year started October 1st. Checks of \$100 can be mailed to our P O Box 442. There are only three more not heard from yet. Please keep Jacksonville alive.

## **Thank you Adam for monthly checks on our coin banks for Childhood Cancer FD.**

## **Shop with a Cop December 16**

We meet at 7:30 AM at Hunt Valley Walmart to line up and greet 100 children with their police escorts to spend \$125 each. We expect them to arrive about 7:45. We increased the gift to each child because we know what we have been giving for 15+ years does not go as far as it used to. Other Optimist Clubs join us to make this a special event: Cockeysville, Hereford, Loch Raven, and Timonium. Our club has donated \$1200. Volunteers greet, help pack bags, smile and help where needed.

## **Wreaths Across America at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens 12/16 noon**

Jacksonville donated \$75.

## **Wreaths Across America at Parkwood Cemetery, Parkville 12/16 noon**

Sponsored and organized by the Loch Raven Optimists.

## **Stock Market Challenge**

Be ready with your \$25 checks to win up to \$600! The SMC app will be out by the end of January. Carol & Steve will be folding and stuffing envelopes again. THANK YOU. If you have a stock you want me to add or one to subtract, please let me know. MD



Pearl Harbor Day  
December 7th

## **HOBY MD**

201 registered students! We are expecting close to 250. Last year was our largest at 211. That's a lot of teens for four days at Towson University! Matt Talley, HOBY Alum spoke to MDSD Optimists at the 1st Quarter Meeting.



## **National Cookie Day December 4**

We can thank the Dutch for more than windmills and tulips. The English word "cookie" is derived from the Dutch word *koekie*, meaning "little cake." Sesame Street started cookie day in 1976—Cookie Monster, of course. In 1987 it was celebrated on 12/4.

Its origin started in Persia in the 7th century around the time sugar came to their area. So, what's your favorite? Chocolate chip, oatmeal, lemon, date/coconut/walnut, peanut butter? They are my plan for cookie baking day with my two grandchildren. Come visit me and try some!