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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 Meetings

April 6, Zoom 7pm.

May 4, in person 7pm at St. John's Lutheran.



Stock Market Challenge 2023 Midpoint \$150 Payout

\$50	Joyce Ohler	\$11,268.14	Hey sis, you finally won something!
\$40	Grace Parrish	\$10,977.46	A member's daughter
\$20	Jin Lin Forster	\$10,968.50	Dennis Lane's grandson!
\$20	Wendy Pinlecki	\$10,879.56	Dundalk Optimist member
\$20	Jason Forster	last place	Dennis Lane's son-in-law

Zone 5 Meeting Saturday March 25 at 10am

Thank you to everyone from our club and neighboring clubs attending and sharing the Optimist news.

Optimist MDSD

3rd Quarter is in Ocean City April 28-30 at the Carousel.

Please donate to Optimist International through Dime-A-Day.

Jacksonville Elementary School

Contacted art teacher to partner with us to encourage 11 years and younger students to paint or draw, 8 1/2 x 11 "Be Optimistic" for OI calendar.

Essay Contest for Students

"Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings out the Optimism in You?" **May 4** is our club's Essay dessert night. English Department Chair from Dulaney HS, Jason Bowman, will be present. The three students are Nathan Farlow, Ashlyn Hoffmann, and Charlotte Meyers. All are 16 years old. Thank you to Judges Maria Barata, Barbara Crain, and Nancy Neal.

ABC's Of Life

Accept differences, Be kind, Count your blessings, Dream Big, Enjoy life, Forgive, Give, Help others, Imagine, Jump for joy, Keep going, Love, Meditate, Notice the good, Open your mind, Pray often, Quiet your mind, Understand, Rise up, Smile, Try, Value people not things, Win graciously, Be Xtraordinary, Yearn for peace, Zap nega-



Don't wait for a perfect morning. Just take your morning and make it perfect!



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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

Happy April Birthday!
Pam McCollum 4/25



Spring Holidays

Ramadan

Wednesday evening, March 22, 2023 – Thursday evening, April 20, 2023
Ramadan is considered one of the holiest months of the year for Muslims, during which time Muslims commemorate the revelation of the Qur'an. It is a time when fasting from food and drink during the sunlit hours is a means of drawing closer to God while cultivating self-control, gratitude, and compassion for those less fortunate. Ramadan is a month of intense spiritual rejuvenation with a heightened focus on devotion, during which Muslims spend extra time reading the Qur'an and performing special prayers.



Holy Week & Easter



Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Sunday, April 9, 2023

In the Christian church, Holy Week is observed beginning on Palm Sunday (April 2) and ending with the celebration of Easter (April 9). Holy Week is a time of special solemnity with a focus on the final days of Jesus' earthly life. It is marked by the procession of Palms on April 2nd as Christians remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, followed by his Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday (April 6). Christ's passion and death on the cross is remembered on Good Friday, April 7th. With great joy and celebration, on Easter Sunday (April 9) Christians celebrate Jesus'

resurrection from the dead as his followers discovered his empty tomb.



Passover

Wednesday evening, April 5, 2023 – Thursday evening, April 13, 2023
The holiday of Passover is perhaps one of the most central to Jewish life and history. Passover celebrates the biblical account of the Israelites' redemption and escape from 400 years of Egyptian slavery. Passover is often celebrated with great pomp and ceremony, especially on the first night, when a special family meal called the Seder is held using symbolic foods, prayer, storytelling, and song.



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