



# 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 Meetings

February 1, Zoom at 7pm. March 2, Zoom 7pm.

**Fireworks** meeting Zoom February 12. There will be no March meeting but committees are asked to send Carol Applegate a short report of their firework doings. I am very pleased with the work so far.



## Shop With A Cop December 16, Cockeysville Walmart

100 children with police officer escorts, spent \$125 each (\$25 increase). Gifts were wrapped and children & police had sandwiches and treats. 5 clubs donated to make this a success, Cockeysville, Hereford, Jacksonville, Loch Raven, and Timonium,

## Wreaths Across America December 16 at Dulaney Valley Gardens.

Our club donated. Also the Loch Raven Optimists laid 2,016 wreaths at Parkwood Cemetery.



## Happy February Birthdays!

Dennis Coster 2/12  
Donald Bennett 2/25



## Essay Contest for Students

Deadline was Friday January 26. "Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings out the Optimism in You". Our club judges will be working on the essays in early February. Thursday April 4 is our club's Essay dessert night at St. John's. 7 pm. Please put it on your calendars to attend.

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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**

## Stock Market Challenge Fundraiser

Opportunities to support the club and maybe win some money starts soon! Forms will be mailed out to past players. \$25 is a small investment in all the activities that our club provides. Sixteen winners will share in the profits from \$600 to \$20. Multiple entries will increase your chances. You are encouraged to copy and give applications to friends and family. Or contact me and I'll email or send one out. Postmark deadline is February 29—or give to a board member.



## Optimist Maryland/South Delaware

2nd Quarter MDSM Meeting, is at the Country Inn, California, MD, February 2-4. Carol Applegate will attend. 3rd Quarter is in Ocean City April 19-21.



## HOBY 2023

211 students attended a successful leadership seminar at Towson State last June. We have already reached our recruitment goal of 250 for 2024. There are a few sophomore open-

ings left for Optimist sponsored schools but they are filling fast. This will be my 41st seminar. I love seeing the sophomores participate in leadership tasks and working with speakers. Most of the all-volunteer committee are past HOBY participants.

## February 2024

This calendar month will not come again in your lifetime:

4 Sundays

4 Mondays

4 Tuesdays

4 Wednesdays

4 Thursdays

4 Fridays

4 Saturdays.

Flowers—Iris & Violet suggest loyalty and faithfulness

Birthstone—Amethyst to symbolize royalty

February 24—Full moon is called Snow Moon

American Heart Month & Black History Month

In 713 BC the Roman King Numa Pompilius added the 2 months of January and February to the original 10 months of the Roman calendar.

This happens once every 823 years. It is called Miracleleap.

## Holidays

2/1 Change your password day-don't use your name or birthdate

2/3 National Golden Retriever Day

2/9 National Pizza Day— what is your favorite slice?

2/14 Valentine's Day—Get out your red clothes and hearts

2/12 President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

2/13 Mardi Gras Carnival in New Orleans

2/17 Random Acts of Kindness Day-What will you do this year?

2/22 World Thinking Day—celebrated by Girl Scouts and Guides across 150 nations

2/29 Extra day this year in February



2/1 **Optimist Day**—wear something from our club. Meet me on Zoom and show your colors at our 7 pm meeting.