



Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc.

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Proud to be an Honor Club for nine consecutive years: 2000-2008 & Distinguished in 2007!



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FACT SHEET

Here's a way to put some new zip in your life--It's the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc. The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club offers you an opportunity to meet some great people and work together on some special projects right here in your community. Optimists are positive people taking positive action producing positive results.

Chartered: September 19, 1984 (Sponsored by the Timonium Optimist Club)

Membership Year: October 1 - September 30

Members: Currently 55 men and women with room for you

Meetings & Activities: First Wednesday of each month at Future Home, 12900 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix, MD 21131
Periodically hold dinner meetings with guest speakers
Social activities are held throughout the year according to members' interests.

Affiliation:

Optimist International (www.optimist.org)--Founded: June 19,1919

Mission: By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

Motto: Friend of Youth

90,000+ Adult Members in 3,000+ Clubs in 30+ Countries and 17,000+ Youth Members in 600+ JOOI Clubs

Maryland/South Delaware Optimist District (www.mdsdoptimist.org)

1,500+ Adult Members in 37 Clubs and 100+ Youth Members in four JOOI Clubs

MAJOR PROJECTS

Sponsor of the Towson University Optimist Club—Chartered September 27, 2007

Greater Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration:

Sat. before July 4th Children's Bike & Pet Parade in the morning; Entertainment and Fireworks in the evening.

Youth Projects:

Activities with the children at the **Villa Maria School**

Annual **Youth Appreciation Program** honoring local high school juniors and seniors

Annual **Scholarship Essay Contest** in Sept.-Jan. for youth under age 19--2009-2010 Topic:

“Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem.”

Annual **Scholarship Oratorical Contest** in March for youth under the age of 16--2008-2009 Topic:

“The Internet: Today’s Evolution or Tomorrow’s Menace?”

Annual **Shop With a Cop** Program to benefit disadvantaged youth

Participate in the **Maryland/South Delaware District & Optimist International Childhood Cancer Campaign**

Includes recycling aluminum cans & tabs & Annual Golf Balls Against Childhood Cancer project

Sponsor Youth in the **Optimist International Junior Golf Championship**

Sponsor Youth to **HOBY**—Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar

Support the **Dulaney High School Chinese Student Exchange Program**

Volunteer with **MathCounts** Program

Community Service Projects:

Assist local community families, youth, and organizations as needed

Annual Fund Raiser:

Stock Market Challenge: January - April

MEMBERSHIP

New members pay a one time \$30.00 initiation fee plus a prorated portion of the annual \$75.00 membership dues. First year dues are based on the quarter during which the member joins--Oct.-Dec.: \$30.00 + \$57.00 = \$87.00; Jan.-Mar.: \$30.00 + \$38.00 = \$68.00; Apr.-June: \$30.00 + \$19.00 = \$49.00; and July-Sept.: \$30.00 + \$65.00 = \$105.00 which includes the next year's dues in full. Spouses' annual dues are \$30.00. After the first year, dues are payable by October 1.

You are Invited to Learn More About Your Opportunity for Involvement!

Call Barbara Crain at 410-785-0410 or Dennis Lane at 410-592-2574 or visit our

Web Site (www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org)