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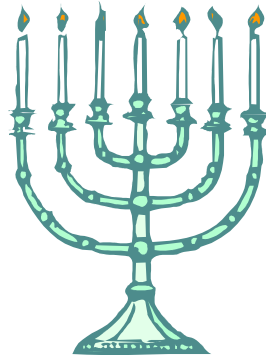
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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS
First Wed. of Each Month 7:30 PM at
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Best Wishes



Happy Hanukah



CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 4, 2006

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

Dinner Meeting—Stock Market Challenge 2006 Kickoff
6:15 PM at Future Home Annex

Saturday, January 21, 2006

Zone 9 Bull & Oyster Roast
Martin's West 1:00 PM—5:00 PM

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

Childhood Cancer Campaign Project—Serve Dinner at the Children's House at Johns Hopkins

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Essay Contest Deadline

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Sat., February 4, 2006

Maryland/South Delaware Optimist District Board Meeting/Conference
Freedom District Optimist Club's Community Center
Eldersbrg, MD

Sat., February 18, 2006

Annual Valentine Activity
Watch for Details

Tues., February 28, 2006

Postmark Deadline for SMC 2006 Entries

Wed., March 1, 2006

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home
SMC 2006 Begins



Annual Holiday Project

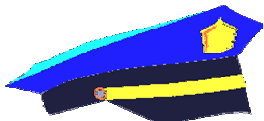


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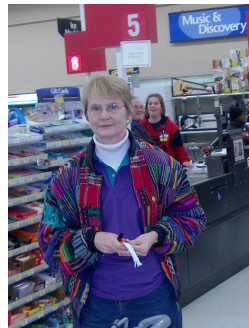
Wow! Way to go Greater Jacksonville Optimists! As we all enjoyed a fun holiday party at Future Home Annex on Sunday, December 15, 2005, we wrapped the gifts purchased by Optimists for the fifteen members of the four families we adopted for the holiday season. They all received what they requested and then some.

Members also donated several boxes full of non perishable food items for the families. Over \$650 in cash donations from members was used to purchase gift cards for the families.

Both the MedStar Health VNA and Villa Maria staff were very appreciative and thanked us for our generosity in helping bring a Happy Holiday Season to the families they serve.



Shop With A Cop



What a Sight—100 Baltimore County police vehicles with light flashing and sirens on pulled into the Wal Mart parking lot at Hunt Valley Towne Centre at 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 17, 2005. They were met by Optimists from the Cockeysville, Greater Jacksonville, Hereford, Loch Raven, and Timonium Optimist Clubs, who greeted the police officers and the 100+ children they brought with them to go shopping at Wal Mart. Each child was allowed to spend \$100 for gifts for themselves, family members, and friends using funds donated by individuals, churches, businesses, the police, and the Optimist Clubs. Following the shopping everyone headed to Outback Steakhouse for brunch. **Thank you to everyone who helped make this project a success!**

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore!



Gift Wrapping at Villa Maria

Our third holiday activity was wrapping gifts for the children at Villa Maria School located on Dulaney Valley Road, just across Loch Raven Reservoir from Future Home on Tuesday evening, December 20.

Villa Maria School provides education and treatment for emotionally disturbed children age 3-14. The school offers comprehensive special education and therapeutic services on two campuses in Baltimore County and one in western Baltimore City. Academic instruction and behavioral treatment is highly structured and individualized.

Working with Villa Maria Staff, each student listed the gifts they would like for Christmas and then volunteers purchased the gifts for them and delivered the unwrapped gifts to the School. Volunteer groups, **such as the Greater Jacksonville Optimists**, were invited to spend an evening wrapping the gifts for the students.

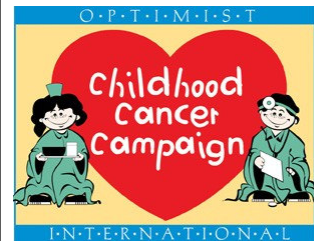
It was a fun evening playing Santa's elves for these children.



GJOC Cans Add Up for The Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign!

06/28/05	—181.10 Pounds @ \$.50 =	\$ 90.55
08/04/05	— 59.00 Pounds @ \$.50 =	29.50
08/16/05	— 26.00 Pounds @ \$.50 =	13.00
11/22/05	— <u>139.40</u> Pounds @ \$.50 =	<u>69.70</u>
Total	405.50 Pounds @ \$.50 =	\$202.75*

This was matched by Jim Hubbard, Past Optimists International President, and member of the Severna Park, MD Optimist Club for a total of \$405.50. **WE NEED YOUR CANS!** Please save them to help the kids! We'll go to the recycler again in January.



Happy Birthday



- Liz Jonsson—1/20
- Ann Lane—2/10
- Dennis Coster—2/12
- Fran Betty—2/15
- Sue Gilmore—2/16
- Donald Bennett—2/25



Happy Anniversary

- Bob & Dink Rigger—1/6
- Liz & Hans Jonsson—2/29



The Children's House is available to out-of-town Johns Hopkins Children's Center patients and their families when a child is receiving treatment at the hospital as an inpatient or an outpatient. A patient priority structure has been established that gives preference to those children and families in most urgent need.

As Optimist Volunteers we have the opportunity to visit the Children's House at John's Hopkins to prepare and serve dinner for the families staying there. **Our Club's first visit is set for Tuesday evening, January 24, 2006.** We can bring five or six volunteers and will need to plan to serve dinner for 20 people plus ourselves. Contact Dennis Lane (410-592-2574, 410-592-7067, or djlane@juno.com) if you would like to participate.

Together Everyone Achieves More!



Stock Market Challenge 2006 is Coming Soon!

This is our Club's major fundraiser. We'll kick it off at our dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2005.

When you see your friends and relatives who have participated in SMC in the past, let them know that Stock Market Challenge 2006 kicks off in January and that they will be receiving their entry form in the mail. Invite them to participate this year. You can also make a list of people whom you can ask to participate in SMC 2006. As we all know, the Optimist way to success is, "**Just Ask!**"

We'll be printing the SMC 2006 Brochure/Entry Form in early January. If you have any suggestions for stocks that you would like to have included in SMC 2006 please let us know—410-592-7067—and we'll do our best to include them.



Optimist International Essay Contest

The Optimist International Essay Contest is open to youth up to the age of 19 as of December 31, 2005. The topic for this year's contest, is "**I'm unique because . . .**"

The deadline for our Club's Contest is Tuesday, January 31, 2006. Please share this information with any youth you feel would be interested in participating in the contest. Members are invited and encouraged to volunteer to work on the Essay Contest Committee.

For additional details about the Essay Contest contact **Carol Applegate** at 410-426-8287 or capple-gate@jhmi.edu and/or visit our Club's web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.



Optimist International Oratorical Contest

The Optimist International Oratorical Contest is open to youth up to the age of 16 as of December 31, 2005. The topic for this year's contest is, "**My future is bright because . . .**" Our club contest will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2006.

Please share this information with any youth who might be interested in participating in the contest. Members are invited and encouraged to volunteer to work on the Oratorical Contest Committee.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Oratorical Contest, contact **Mary Lu Hartley** at 410-357-9873 or luhartley@aol.com or visit our Club's web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.

Our Club will be receiving its Sixth Consecutive Honor Club Award At the MDSD Optimist Second Quarter Board Meeting/Conference on Saturday, February 4, 2006.

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself —

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Please Save Your Inkjet Cartridges and Toner Cartridges for Recycling to benefit Our Club and the Optimist International Foundation! For more information contact Barbara Crain (410-785-0410 or bcrain@jhmi.edu) or visit our web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org

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