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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS
First Wed. of Each Month 7:30 PM at
FUTURE HOME
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**Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club Meeting
Oratorical & Essay Contests
Thursday, March 23, 2006
Stella Maris
2300 Dulaney Valley Road
Timonium, MD 21093**

On Dulaney Valley Rd., from the South the entrance road to Stella Maris is the first left past Timonium Rd.; from the North it is the first right past Old Bosley Rd. Follow the signs to the Stella Maris building, park in the lot in front of the main entrance, enter the main entrance, sign in at the reception desk, and follow directions to the auditorium.

6:30 PM Oratorical Contestants arrive and meet with the Oratorical Committee

**6:50 PM Meeting Called to Order
Welcome, Pledge, Introductions**

7:00 PM Presentation to Boy Scout Troop 444

7:10 PM Oratorical Contest



“My Future is Bright Because”

8:10 PM Essay Winners Read Their Essays



“I am Unique Because”

8:25 PM Recognition of Youth Presenters

8:45 PM Optimist Creed & Adjournment

Followed by a

Dessert Social

**Please contact
Mary Lu Hartley by Monday, March 20, 2006
to make your reservation**

W 410-666-7746 (8:30 AM — 4:00 PM)

H 410-357-9873 (Evenings)

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We look forward to seeing you there!



CALENDAR

Saturday, March 18, 2006

Library day at the GJOC sponsored Children's Library at Villa Maria. 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Annual Oratorical Contest
6:30 PM At Stella Maris

Friday, March 31, 2006

SMC 2006 Mid Point

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Zone Oratorical Contest
Hosted by Timonium Optimists
Holiday Inn Select

Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 21-23, 2006

Third Quarter District Board Meeting/Conference and Oratorical Contest Finals at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Independence Day Celebration
Planning Committee Meeting
6:30 PM at Future Home Annex

Friday, April 28, 2006

End of SMC 2006

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Respect for Law Program
Details to be Announced

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Visit our Club's web site, www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org, for updated information on our Club's Activities.



Optimist International Oratorical Contest

Our Club's Oratorical Contest will be held at our Club meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2006, in the auditorium at Stella Maris. Members and guests should park in the parking lot in front of the Stella Maris building. If that lot is full, you may park in the circle in front of the Long Grandon building.

Members and guests are asked to arrive between 6:30 PM and 6:45 PM. The meeting will be called to order at 6:50 PM and we will follow the agenda printed on the first page of this newsletter.

We have seven (7) girls and three (3) boys registered to compete. They will be speaking on the topic, "**My Future is Bright Because . . .**"

These youth have worked hard preparing for the contest and will present some interesting speeches.

The first place boy and first place girl in our contest will represent our Club in the Zone 9 Oratorical Contest on Thursday, April 6, 2006, at the Holiday Inn Select in Timonium. They will compete with the winners of the Cockeysville, Hereford, Northwest Baltimore, Timonium, and Woodlawn/Gwynn Oak Optimist Clubs' contests.

The first place boy and girl winners in the Zone 9 contest will compete with the winners of the other seven Zone Contests in the Maryland/South Delaware District Oratorical Contest at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, MD, on the weekend of April 21-23, 2006. The first place boy and girl winners in the District Contest will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship from Optimist International.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the Oratorical Contest, please contact Contest Chair **Mary Lu Hartley** at **W 410-666-7746**, or **H 410-357-9873** or luhartley@aol.com or leave a message at our Club's number, **410-592-7067**.

Children's Library at Villa Maria

Our next visit to the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club sponsored Children's Library at Villa Maria is scheduled for 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon on Saturday, March 18, 2006.

The library is used on a regular basis by the children at Villa Maria and we make periodic visits to the library to catalog and re shelf book from the book return and catalog and shelve new books. we also have the opportunity to read with the children.

Members who can attend on March 18 should contact **Carol Porcher** at **W 410-666-0086** or **H 410-357-4717**.



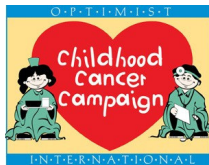
Optimist International Essay Contest

We received five entries on the topic, "**I AM Unique Because . . .**" The essays were sent to three individuals to be judged. The individual judges' sheets were returned to **Carol Applegate, Essay Contest Chair**, and combined to determine the winners. The winners have been selected and our Club's winning essay has been entered in the Maryland/South Delaware District Essay Contest.

The Essay Contest winners have been invited to read their essays at our meeting on March 23 and will receive their awards at that time.

The winner of the District Contest will be invited to read their Essay at the MDSD Optimist Conference in Ocean City on April 23, will receive a \$650 scholarship from Optimist International, and will be entered in the OI Essay Contest Finals. The first place OI winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and an expense paid trip to the OI Convention in Nashville in July; second place—\$3,000 scholarship, and third place—\$2,000 scholarship.

GJOC Aluminum Cans Add Up for The Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign!



WE NEE YOUR CANS!

Every can counts. Please save them to help the kids! We'll go to the recycler again in March. Please ask others to help

you collect cans. You can bring your cans to any Optimist meeting or drop them off at the

Lane's house at 14317 Dairydale Ct. in Baldwin. For additional information contact **Dennis Lane** at **410-592-2574** or **410-592-7067**.

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**
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our Club's web site—
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Greater Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration — Saturday, July 1, 2006

Together Everyone Achieves More!