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Friend of Youth

www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org

December 28, 2008

410-592-7067

Optimist International Mission Statement—By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Saturday, January 17, 2009

Optimist Bull & Oyster Roast
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Martins West 6817 Dogwood Rd.
(1 Mile from I-695 off Security Blvd.)
Tickets—\$45 Contact Dennis Lane for tickets

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Dinner Meeting
6:15 PM at Future Home Annex
Stock Market Challenge 2009
Kickoff

Saturday, January 31, 2009

Essay Contest Deadline

Sunday, February 1, 2009

Super Bowl XLIII
Tampa Bay, Florida

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Saturday, February 7, 2009

Second Quarter MDSD District
Board Meeting/ Conference &
2007-2008 Awards Luncheon
Holiday Inn Select
Solomons, Maryland
Registration Deadline—01/06/09
Registration Forms are on MDSD
web site www.mdsdoptimist.org

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Post Mark deadline for Stock
Market Challenge 2009 Entries

Monday, March 2, 2009

Stock Market Challenge 2009
Begins

Happy New Year!

Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Future Home Annex

12900 Jarrettsville Pike

Phoenix, MD 21131

6:15 PM Social 6:30 PM Dinner

Program

Stock Market Challenge 2009 Kick Off



Local Youth Honored at Youth Appreciation Dinner



The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's 2008-2009 Outstanding Youth Awards, which honor youth for their efforts in the arts, athletics, academics, and community service, were presented to eight high school seniors at our Annual Youth Appreciation dinner in November. Each honoree received a Certificate of Recognition and \$50 from the Club.

Pictured above (l.-r.) are **Robin Gilmore**, Hereford High School; **Anja Fries**, Park School; **Alex Figlewski**, Dulaney High School; **Thomas Carter**, Loch Raven High School; **Holly Gilmore**, Hereford High School; and **Jacob Arisman**, Home School. Also honored but unable to attend were **Samantha Hoffman**, Loch Raven High School; and **Erik Opdahl**.

Congratulations to all of our honorees!



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

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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS

First Wed. of Each Month
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2008-2009 Optimist International Scholarship Contests



Essay Contest—The deadline for entries in our Club's contest is **Saturday, January 31, 2009.**

Participants are writing a 500 word essay on the topic "**The Power of Youth,**" following the guidelines provided by Optimist International. Applications and rules for the contest are on our web site.



Oratorical Contest—Our Club contest will be on April 1, 2009, followed by the Zone Contest later in April and the MDSD District Finals May 1-3, 2009, in Ocean City, Maryland. Each participant will speak for 4-5 minutes on the topic "**For Me, Optimism Is...**" **Entry deadline is March 11, 2009.**

To obtain an application and/or additional information about both contests visit www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org or call 410-592-7067.



Stock Market Challenge 2009

As we move through some very difficult times, people have asked us if we are going to run the Stock Market Challenge in 2009. The answer is definitely YES!

The Stock Market Challenge (SMC) has been our Club's largest fund raiser for our youth and community service projects for many years and we are optimistic that it will do well in 2009.

Yes, the markets have been quite challenging lately, but with the structure of the SMC, as the value of the participants' portfolios rise or fall, **the participants' can not lose any more than the \$20 they donated to the Club** to enter the contest and they may be a winner if their portfolio earns the most or loses the least.

SMC 2009 kicks off on Wed., Jan. 21. The postmark deadline for entries is Saturday, February 28. SMC 2009 will run from Mon., March 2 through Thurs. April 30.

If you have favorite stocks to include contact Dennis Lane at 410-592-2574 or djlane@juno.com.

GJOC Earns Honor Club Recognition

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club earned Honor Club status for the ninth consecutive year in 2007-2008.

Congratulations to President Barbara Crain and all the officers and members for contributing to the success of our Club.

The Honor Club award will be presented President Barbara, Secretary Adam, and Treasurer at the 2007-2008 Awards luncheon at the Maryland/South Delaware District Board Meeting/Conference at the Holiday Inn Select in Solomons, Maryland, on Saturday, February 7, 2009.

All members, and guests, are invited and encouraged to attend. A registration form is included with this newsletter. Please let President Barbara know if you plan to attend.

Super Bowl 2009

The NFL Super Bowl will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2009, in Tampa, Florida. We don't know which teams will be playing, but Dave Ward has an idea that can be fun for us and raise some funds for the Club at the same time regardless of which teams make it to the Super Bowl.

If you would like to participate in a fun Super Bowl fund raiser, contact Dave at 410-666-0086 or cdauidward@aol.com. Go Ravens!



Save Your Cans for the Kids!

Recycle Aluminum Cans and Tabs for the Kids!

Thank you to everyone who has helped with this project. Please continue to save cans and tabs to benefit the **Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign.** Please contact **Dennis Lane at 410-592-2574 or 410-592-7067** if you have questions or would like to arrange a can pickup. Every can and tab counts!

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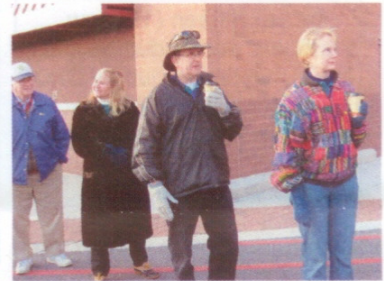
The Month That Was - Nov - December 2008



Robin and Holly Gilmore, two of our Youth Appreciation Honorees, grew up in an Optimist Family—their dad, Dave Gilmore, and their aunts Sue Gilmore & Mary Lu Hartley are all members of the GJOC. Their grandfather, Tom Gilmore, is a Past President of the original Jacksonville Optimist Club.



A proud mom and sister with Youth Appreciation Honoree Alex Figlewski.



GJOC President Barbara Crain (above rt.) and VP Mike Borowitz, wait for the arrival of the Cops and Children for the Shop With a Cop project.



(Left in Towson shirt) TU Optimist Club member Dara Debus assists with the check out process at Shop With a Cop.



Greater Jacksonville Optimists and their families enjoyed a holiday party as they wrapped gifts and prepared food baskets for members of seven needy families! Thank you everyone!



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Towson University Optimist Club



(Above) Fifteen (15) new members were inducted into the TU Optimist Club by Club President, Elise O'Brien at their meeting on December 10, bringing the Club's membership to 28.

(Right) TU Optimist Club members at Shop with a Cop!



(Above) TU Optimists prepare stockings for the families at the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins.

Wow! What an Optimistic Month for the TU Optimist Club! We are proud of you!

You were very busy in December preparing and serving a Family Supper at the Believe in Tomorrow at the Children's House at Johns Hopkins; providing Stockings for the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins; assisting other Baltimore Optimist Clubs with the annual Shop With a Cop project; raising funds for the club by working at the Ravens/Steelers Game; and collecting Aluminum Cans and Tabs for the Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign

Enjoy your Winter Break! We look forward to your return to campus for the Spring Semester and many more projects including but not limited to Bingo with the Kids at Villa Maria and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on your campus on March 27, 2009.

2008-2009 Dues Are now Due!

Thank you to all GJOC members who have paid their dues. If you haven't yet paid, please send your check to **Treasurer Pam McCollum, 493 Copeland Rd., Fallston, MD 21047.** Thank you!



Stock Market Challenge 2009

Kick Off Dinner, Wed. January 21, 2009!

We hope to see you there!

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.



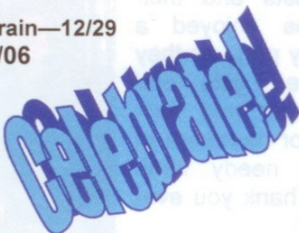
Happy Anniversary

Mike Borowitz & Barara Crain—12/29
Bob & Dink Rigger—01/06



Happy Birthday

Dave Ward—12/24
Ashby Shanks—12/30



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