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OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Friend of Youth

www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org

June 15, 2009

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

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Final Independence Day Celebration Planning Meeting & Club/Board Meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. 7:00 PM at Future Home

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Independence Day Celebration

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Independence Day Celebration Cleanup
8:00 AM on the Jacksonville Fields

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, July 8 —

Saturday, July 11, 2009

91st Annual Optimist International Convention at Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center
Orlando (Kissimmee), Florida

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Friday, August 14-Sunday, August 16, 2009

Maryland/South Delaware District Convention & Fourth Quarter Board Meeting
Holiday Inn, Cumberland, MD

Summer Social—To be announced soon. Watch Web Site for details.

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009

Club's 25th Anniversary Celebration—Time & Location to be announced soon



34th Annual Greater Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 27, 2009

Plans are moving full speed ahead for our club's largest community service project—the Annual Independence Day Celebration—including the Kids' Bike and Pet Parade in the Manor Center at 10:00 AM and entertainment beginning at 6:00 PM at the Jacksonville fields with fireworks following about 9:15 PM on Saturday, June 27. (See Schedule on Page 2)

Our main challenge at this point is raising the \$9,000 - \$10,000 needed to produce this celebration for the community. Our two main sources of funds for the celebration are the sale of donation tickets at the Manor Center on Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays in June and donations from local businesses.

GJOC Vice President Mike Borowitz is coordinating the tickets sales schedule. GJOC members are asked to contact Mike (410-785-0410 or mborowitz@jhmi.edu) to let him know when you will be available to assist with ticket sales this weekend. Thank you to everyone who worked at the Manor Center on the last two weekends.

GJOC Director Dennis Lane is coordinating the requests for donations from local businesses. If you know a local business person or other individual who may be interested in making a donation to support the celebration, please ask them or contact Dennis (410-592-2574 or djlane@juno.com) and give him the information and he will contact them. Donations can be mailed to GJOC, P.O. Box 442, Phoenix, MD 21131.



June is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

During June, Optimist clubs are sponsoring projects to raise funds to benefit the Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign. The main focus of the campaign is to support a five year Endowed Research Fellowship at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore to develop a targeted therapy to fight AML, the second most common form of child leukemia and a type of leukemia



Dr. Donald Small, Professor of Pediatrics and Oncology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, (pictured r. with Mike Borowitz & Barbara Crain) gave a very interesting presentation on "Childhood Leukemia Efforts at Johns Hopkins" at our club meeting on June 3. (See related article in the Summer issue of The Optimist magazine.)

Golf Balls Against Childhood Cancer Golf Ball Drop

Our 6th Annual Golf Ball Drop to raise funds for the Childhood Cancer Campaign will be held before the fireworks on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at the Jacksonville fields. A bucket of numbered golf balls will be dropped from a crane over a golf hole and the sponsor of the ball that goes in the hole or is closest to the hole will win a \$500 prize. See the enclosed handout for details about sponsoring a ball.



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

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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS
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All Greater Jacksonville Optimists and Their Families are Invited and Encouraged to Participate in Jacksonville's 34th Annual Celebration of Our Country's Independence

Children's Bike and Pet Parade

Manor Shopping Center—Sweet Air Road near McDonalds

7:00 A.M. Rope off area, hook up electricity, set up staging area (4 or 5 members)

9:00 A.M.— 11:00 AM **(All members are encouraged to be here at this time)**

9:00 A.M. Registration—Families, children, pets, gather in the staging area Optimist members register the participants and circulate in the area greeting the families and work on traffic control. Judges do their work.

9:45 A.M. Parade Line Up and Instructions to participants Optimist members organize the parade participants and spread out in the parking lot for traffic control

10:00 A.M. Parade—two loops around the parking lot

Optimist members control traffic during the parade for everyone's safety

After Parade until 11:00 AM

Optimists announce winners, distribute goodie bags to kids, provide traffic control, & clean up

Rope off Fireworks Area & Prepare Green area for Closest to the Pin Contest on the Jacksonville Fields

Five or six members are needed to work on this right after the Bike & Pet Parade.

Evening Activities on the Jacksonville Fields

5:30 P.M. Set up Closest to the Pin Contest (Canopy, signs, registration table, mats, green area, etc.)

Set up game area for kids

Set up for Golf Balls Against Childhood Cancer ball drop

6:00 P.M.— 8:30 P.M. Closest to the Pin Contest (Register participants, shag balls, etc.)

6:30 P.M.— 8:30 PM Apple John performs for kids

6:45 P.M. Golf Ball Drop

7:00 P.M. Satyr Hill Band

Kids games continue

8:30 P.M.— Donation Bucket Brigade through the crowd (Need 10 Optimists to carry buckets)

9:15 P.M.— Fireworks

After Fireworks—Clean up the crowd area

Sunday Morning Cleanup of the Fireworks Area

8:00 A.M.—Until finished The more members who help, the faster we can complete this task. We hope to be finished by 10:30 A.M.

Need more information?

Contact Fred Figlewski at 410-785-1785 or ffiglewski@comcast.net or Dennis Lane at 410-592-2574, 410-592-7067 or djlane@juno.com




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Stock Market Challenge 2009

Thank you to everyone participated in Stock Market Challenge 2009, our club's largest fund raiser to support our youth and community projects. We had 264 participants in SMC 2009.

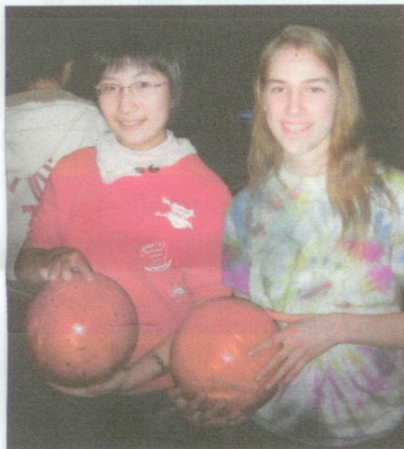
SMC 2010—Entry Deadline: Saturday, February 27, 2010.



Club Dues
Treasurer Pam McCollum says thank you to all who have paid your 2008-2009 dues.
If you have not yet paid your dues, please send your check for \$65 payable to the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club or GJOC to her at 493 Cope-land Rd., Fallston, MD 21047. Thank you very much.

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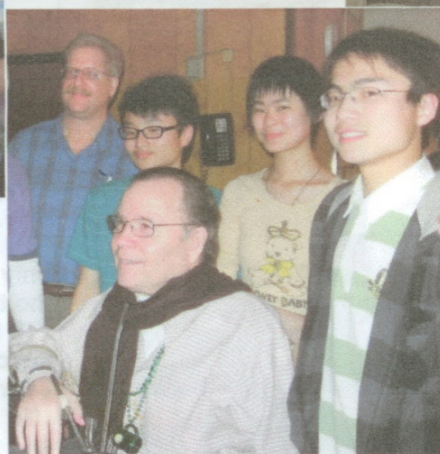
Looking Back--March.-June 2009



Greater Jacksonville Optimists had fun with the Chinese Exchange Students— at Cosmic Bowling at Perry Hall Lanes (left & below) and at the Farewell Party at Dulaney High School. →



Winners in the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Oratorical Contest held at St. James Academy. Students from both St. James and Our Lady of Grace participated in our club's contest.



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Greater Jacksonville Optimists, Mike Borowitz and Dennis Lane, with Optimist International President Don Sievers at a special dinner held to welcome President Don to the Maryland/South Delaware District.



←← Tyler Weyant, a Senior at Fallston High School, shows the plaque he won as the Maryland South Delaware District winner of the 2009 OI Essay Contest. He won Greater Jacksonville's Competition, went on to the District (a \$650 Scholarship) and then won third place in the Optimist International Essay Contest (\$2,250 scholarship). Pictured with him are his friend and his Dad and Mom!



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Towson University Doings

Congratulations to the Towson University Optimist Club on your second year of working together to "Bring Out the Best in Kids!" We'll see you in the Fall!



The Optimistic Tigers did it again and raised over \$2,000 to fight cancer in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at TU. Towson University as a whole, exceeded their goal of over \$50,000.



T.U. Optimists served two family suppers at the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins.



T.U. Optimists sponsored their second annual Oratorical Contest working with the Hamilton Optimist Club and students at the Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Greater Jacksonville Club members assisted with the Contest.



Towson University Optimists held a Fund Raiser at Bill Bateman's Restaurant on their campus.

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.

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Happy Birthday



- Kevin Alban - 06/06
- Bill Litsinger - 06/08
- Orville Hughes - 06/15
- Tom Hodgins - 07/13
- Stephanie Maskovyak - 07/23
- Bob Cook - 07/28



Happy Anniversary



- John & Maria Littleton - 06/01
- Bill & Ellen Jo Litsinger - 06/14
- Dennis & Ann Lane - 06/15
- David & Susan Page - 06/18
- Ashby & Mary Jane Shanks - 06/19
- Bill & Nancy Hauck - 06/24
- Bruce & Kathy Cook - 06/26
- Donald & Chris Bennett - 06/27

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