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

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 16, 2010
Annual Optimist Bull Roast
Martins West—Food, Fun,
1:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, January 16, 2010
Essay Contest Deadline

Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Dinner Meeting—SMC 2010
Kickoff Dinner & Meeting
6:15 PM at Future Home Annex

Saturday, January 23, 2010
Zone 9 Meeting Hosted by the
Northwest Baltimore Optimist
Club—9:30 AM

Wednesday, February 3, 2010
Club/Board Meeting
7:30 P.M. at Future Home

Fri. Evening/Sat, February 5-6, 2010—Maryland/South
Delaware District Second Quarter
Board Meeting/Conference
Holiday Inn—Waldorf, MD

Saturday, February 6, 2010
MATHCOUNTS
Perry Hall Middle School
Morning—Time TBA

Saturday, February 13, 2010
Bingo with the Kids at Villa
Maria School - 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, February 18, 2010
Dinner Meeting
6:30 PM Future Home Annex

Saturday, February 27, 2010
Deadline for SMC 2010 Entries

Monday, March 1, 2010
SMC 2010 Begins



**Stock Market Challenge 2010
Kick Off Dinner
Wednesday, January 20, 2010
6:15 P.M.**

Future Home Annex
All Members are encouraged to attend.
Guests are welcome.

Please contact Dave Ward at 410-666-0086 or
cwardward@aol.com if you plan to attend.



Stock Market Challenge 2010

The Stock Market Challenge (SMC) has been our Club's largest fund raiser for our youth and community service projects for several years and we are optimistic that it will do well again in 2010.

SMC 2010 kicks off on Wednesday, January 20 at our dinner meeting. Members will stuff envelopes with information and entry forms which will be mailed to over 400 people who have participated previously. SMC 2010 entry forms will also be available on our Club's web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org, and you can call 410-592-7067 to request entry forms.

Each SMC 2010 participant will select five different stocks from the list of 53 on the entry form and we will set up a portfolio for them with \$2,000 of each of their five stocks for a total portfolio value of \$10,000, based on the stock prices at the close of the markets on Friday, February 26, 2010. The SMC is a competition to see whose portfolios perform the best over the months of March and April. Prizes will be awarded at the midpoint and at the end to those whose portfolios earn the most or lose the least.

The SMC is a simulation and no money is invested in the stocks. The participants are actually making an investment in our club's youth and community activities

The postmark deadline for entries is Saturday, February 27, and SMC 2010 will run from Mon., March 1 through Fri., April 30. We look forward to your participation.

2009-2010 Optimist International Scholarship Contests



Essay Contest—The deadline for entries in our Club's Essay contest was Saturday, January 16, 2010.

Participants, youth under the age of 19 on December 31, 2009, wrote 500 word essays on the topic "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?"

The essays are being judged and the results will be announced in February.



Oratorical Contest—

Our Club's contest will be on March 25, 2010, at St. James Academy. Youth under the age of 16 on Dec. 31, 2009, will speak for 4-5 minutes on the topic "Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem." **Deadline for entries is Wed., March 3, 2010.**

For applications and additional information visit www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org or call 410-592-7067.

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
7:30 PM at
FUTURE HOME
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
410-666-0086

**Club Youth and
Community Service Activities
are held throughout the year**

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MATHCOUNTS Competition

MATHCOUNTS is a middle school math program that involves students in competition on school, regional, state and national levels.

The regional **MATHCOUNTS** competition in our area will be held at Perry Hall Middle School on **Saturday, February 6, 2010**. We have the opportunity to participate by helping with registration, proctoring, and scoring. It is absolutely amazing to watch these students in action.

We will also be assisting at the State competition on Saturday, March 20, 2010.

Please contact Mike Borowitz (410-785-0410 or mborwit@jhmi.edu) to volunteer and obtain the specific details for the event.

35th Annual Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 26, 2010

We have traditionally held the Independence Day Celebration on the Saturday before July 4, but this year when we announced that it would be on July 3, the Baltimore County Police contacted us and told us that they were already committed elsewhere on that date and would not be available to assist us that evening.

The GJOC Board discussed our options and decided to move the celebration to **Saturday, June 26, 2010**, so that the police would be available to assist us with traffic, etc.

We are in the process of getting all of the required insurance information together and will submit our Application for Use of School Facilities to the Baltimore County Public Schools real soon.

We are optimistic that our application will be approved, so go ahead and mark the date on you calendar.

Super Sunday 2010

If you would like to participate in a fun Super Sunday fund raising activity, contact Dave at 410-666-0086 or cdavidward@aol.com for information!



Valentine Bingo

Our club and the Towson University Optimist Club are sponsoring a Valentine Bingo for the Children at the Villa Maria School on **Saturday, morning February 13, 2010**.

We'll begin setting up at 9:30 AM. Bingo will begin at 10:00 AM and run until shortly after 11:00 AM, followed by clean-up.

We expect to have 60-70 children participate in the activity. Our two clubs are working together on providing prizes, beverages, snacks, and Valentine goodie bags for the children.

If you've participated in the past, you know this is a fun activity for Optimists and the children alike.

Please contact **Carol Porcher (410-666-008 or carol.porcher@pnc.com)** if you will be able to participate.



The Chinese Exchange Student Program

We learned from Ms. Kelly Smith at Dulaney High School that 29 Chinese Exchange students will be arriving around February 22 and will be here until April 18.

Members of our club will be invited to meet with the exchange program committee soon to begin planning activities in which we can be involved.

Contact **Fred Figlewski (410-785-1785 or ffiglewski@comcast.net)** to get involved.

Keep the Cans Coming!

The price of aluminum has increased. Please continue to save your aluminum cans to benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign. **Bring your cans to any club meeting or contact Dennis Lane (410-592-2574 or djlane@juno.com) to make other arrangements. Thank You!**



2009-2010 Dues

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

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Looking Back--

December 2009



Greater Jacksonville Optimists were busy in December. The main activity was purchasing and wrapping gifts for the 25 or so members of the families we adopted for the holidays. **Carol Porcher** and **Dave Ward** worked with the list of families provided by Villa Maria and contacted GJOC members who then purchased the gifts and brought them to a Christmas party at Future Home Annex where they were wrapped and prepared for delivery to the families. Members also provided food for food baskets. **Thank you to everyone who participated in this**

Happy Birthday



Ann Lane - 2/10
Dennis Coster - 2/12
Fran Betty - 02/15

Several GJOC members visited Villa Maria on the weekend of the big snow and assisted with wrapping gifts for their residential students. Two of them, **Ann Lane & Carol Porcher**, are shown on the right.

The third project for the month was **Shop With a Cop**—a joint project with our club, the Cockeysville, Hereford, Timonium, and Towson University Optimist Clubs, the Baltimore County police, WalMart, and Outback Steakhouse—which involved 100 kids, 100 cops. The kids each had \$100 to spend for gifts and then visited Outback for breakfast.



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TU Optimist Club



↑ TU Optimists joined the other Zone 9 Optimist Clubs for a fun morning at Shop with a Cop. Over 100 youngsters from around Baltimore County were treated to a holiday shopping spree at the Super WalMart in Cockeysville. Pictures in the top right show some of the TU Optimists, Cops and kids. In the bottom two photos—All the Zone 9 Optimist Club Presidents are shown receiving a proclamation from a representative of Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith, and at right, TU Alumna Dolores Righter (in red) is surrounded by the members of the TU Optimist Club and a few other TU alumni.

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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↑ Beauty Products Fundraiser — Chaired by TU Optimist Carly Garbatow (pictured far left by table) was a success. TU Optimists sorted and packed items donated by Carly's Dad and sold them as holiday gifts!

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