



# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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

## CALENDAR

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

**Sunday, February 14, 2010**  
Valentine's Day Activity  
See the new Valentine's Day Movie followed by dinner at Damon's Grill Hunt Valley

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

**Saturday, February 27, 2010**  
Deadline for SMC 2010 Entries

**Saturday, February 27, 2010**  
MATHCOUNTS  
9:00 AM—2:00 PM  
Owings Mills HS

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

**Thursday, March 25, 2010**  
Oratorical Contest  
St. James Academy on Monkton Rd. in Monkton

**Friday Night/Saturday, March 26-27 2010**  
Towson University American Cancer Society Relay for Life

**Wednesday, April 7, 2010**  
Club/Board Meeting  
7:30 P.M. at Future Home Annex

**Thursday, April 15, 2010**  
Zone 9 Oratorical Contest  
Crowne Plaza Hotel in Timonium



**Dinner Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 18, 2010**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Future Home Annex**  
**Program—the Cool Kids Campaign**

All Members are encouraged to attend.  
Guests are welcome.

Please contact Dave Ward at 410-666-0086 or [cdauidward@aol.com](mailto:cdauidward@aol.com) if you plan to attend.



**Tired of Snow and all the Mess?**  
**Let's go see the new movie, Valentine's Day on Valentine's Day**  
**Sunday, February 14, 2010**  
**4:30 PM**

**Regal Hunt Valley Mall**  
**Stadium 12**

**11511 McCormick Rd.**

Tickets: Adults - \$10.00 Srs. - \$7.75  
Order tickets at [www.fandango.com](http://www.fandango.com)

**Followed by dinner at**  
**Damon's Grill Hunt Valley**

Club contact: Carol Dunstan  
410-666-0086 or [dunstac@bbsol.us](mailto:dunstac@bbsol.us)

## Valentine Bingo



As we go to press, 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, weather permitting.** We'll send an e-mail message to all members who are participating if there is a change due to weather.

The children are in a residential program at Villa Maria so they will be there. Set up begins at 9:30 AM, bingo 10:00-11:00 AM, followed by clean-up.

Please contact **Carol Porcher (410-666-008 or [carol.porcher@pnc.com](mailto:carol.porcher@pnc.com)** if you have any questions.

## Stock Market Challenge 2010



Stock Market Challenge 2010, our Club's largest fund raiser for youth and community projects, kicked off on Wednesday, January 20. Entry forms were mailed to all participants in the last three SMC's and to all Club members. SMC 2010 entry forms are also available on our Club's web site—[www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org), or you can call 410-592-7067 to request entry forms.

**The postmark deadline for entries is Saturday, February 27, 2010.** SMC 2010 runs from Mon., March 1 through Fri., April 30. It's a fun program and an investment in youth and community programs.

We look forward to your participation.

Visit GJOC's web site, [www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://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**

Jacksonville Jottings Editors  
Dennis & Ann Lane  
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**Happy Birthday**



Ann Lane - 2/10  
Dennis Coster - 2/12  
Fran Betty - 02/15  
Sue Gilmore - 2/16  
Donald Bennett - 2/25

**MATHCOUNTS Competition**

The regional **MATHCOUNTS** competition in our area, which was scheduled for February 6 has been rescheduled to February 27 due to weather. They hope to have it at Owings Mills High School. Mike Borowitz (410-785-0410 or mborwit@jhmi.edu) will let us know the final details.

We will also be assisting at the State competition on Saturday, March 20, 2010. If you would like to volunteer for either event, please contact Mike.

**Super Sunday 2010**

Thank you Dave Ward and everyone who helped make our Super Sunday fund raising activity. We raised \$500 for our youth and community projects.

**Keep the Cans Coming!**



Please continue to save your aluminum cans to benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

A special thank you goes out to the staff and donors at the **Red Cross Blood Donor Center at 2405 York Road in Timonium** for saving cans and tabs to benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign. They have their cans ready for us every Tuesday. We appreciate their continued support.

Members are encouraged to bring cans and/or tabs to any club meeting or contact Dennis Lane (410-592-2574 or djlane@juno.com) to make other arrangements. Thank You!



**The Chinese  
Exchange  
Student Program**

Planning is underway for the Annual Chinese Exchange Student Program. The students will be arriving soon. Members of our club are invited to meet with the exchange program committee to consider activities in which we can be involved.

Fred Figlewski (410-785-1785 or ffiglewski@comcast.net) will let us know when and where the first meeting will be, once we have cleared some of the snow out of our way.

**Essay Contest**



We received 75 essays on the topic "**The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?**" Thirty eight of the essays were assigned to our Club and thirty seven were assigned to the TU Optimist Club.

Thank you to the following members and/or spouses who did the preliminary judging of the essays: Donald Bennett, Mike Borowitz, Barbara Crain, Nancy Drescher, Carol Dunstan, Mary Lu Hartley, Ellen Jo Litsinger, and Nancy Neal.

Sixteen essays—eight for GJOC and eight for TU—have been selected to go to the final judges. The final judges' scores will be combined to determine the first, second and third place winners for each Club. The first place winner for each Club will advance to the Maryland/South Delaware District contest. The winner of the District competition will receive a \$2,500 Scholarship from the Optimist International Foundation and will advance to the Optimist International contest. The scholarships at the International level are \$6,000 1st, \$3,750 2nd, and \$2,250 3rd.

**Oratorical Contest**



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

The boy and girl winners of our contest will advance to the Zone 9 contest on April 15, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Timonium.

For applications and additional information call 410-592-7067 or visit [www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org).

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

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# Looking Back--

## January 2010

### SMC 2010 Kickoff Dinner Meeting



GJOC Optimist Larry Daniels proudly shows off an envelope folded by his folding machine.



Following dinner, GJOC Optimists prepared the packets for the Stock Market Challenge 2010 mailing to previous participants and Club members. A fun time was had by all.

## February 5-6, 2010

The Maryland/South Delaware District Second Quarter Board Meeting/Conference at the Clarion Inn in Waldorf, MD



Doctor PUSH, Gov. Mickey Price, and Nurse Fix'en, Missy Yates.



The snow crew had a fun time cleaning nine cars in the parking lot.

Twenty-two optimists from the Maryland/South Delaware District, including Dennis & Ann Lane from Greater Jacksonville, attended the meeting in Waldorf.

The meeting included a business session, a program on enthusiasm, a poker run, snow shoveling, and food & fun in the hospitality room.



Pam Bowman, Dave Bowman, & Colleen Combs were the Poker Run Winners.

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# TU Optimist Club

The Towson University Optimist Club members returned from Winter Break on January 24 and held their first Executive Board meeting of the Spring Semester on Wednesday, January 27, at which they reviewed plans for the Club's activities during the semester.

Their plans include Valentine Bingo with the Kids at Villa Maria, two Family Suppers at the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at the Johns Hopkins, their Third Annual Oratorical Contest, collecting aluminum cans for the Childhood Cancer Campaign, and participating in Towson University's American Cancer Relay for Life.

They participated in the Spring Involvement Fair on Wednesday, February 3, and now have a list of several students interested in joining their Club. **They are currently on a February Snow Break.**



**Support**  
**the TU Optimistic Tigers Relay for Life Team**  
 7:00 PM Friday, March 26-  
 7:00 AM Saturday March 27, 2010



**Internet Safety**  
**April is Optimist Internet Safety Month!**

# Share Your Optimism with others!

Do you enjoy being an Optimist? Do you enjoy participating in Club youth and community projects? We're optimistic that your answer to these questions is yes. If you are really enthusiastic about your Optimistic experience, don't keep it a secret. Share it with others. Invite a friend, relative, co-worker, or acquaintance to one of our club meetings or youth and community activities. Go ahead, "Just Ask!" someone. They may like it and join our Club.



**Invite a guest to a GJOC activity!**

**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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