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

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 18, 2010
Independence Day Celebration
Kickoff Meeting
6:30 PM at Future Home

Saturday, March 20, 2010
MathCounts State Finals
8:30 AM at Johns Hopkins
Univeristy Homewood Campus

Saturday, March 20, 2010
OI President Mark Shriver
Visits MDSD District
6:00 PM Dinner at Martin's West

Thursday, March 25, 2010
Oratorical Contest
6:45 PM at St. James Academy
in Monkton

Fri./Sat., March 26-27 2010
Towson University American
Cancer Society Relay for Life
7:00 PM—8:00 AM at the
Towson Center

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

Sunday, April 11, 2010
Chinese Exchange Students
Farewell Party
Dulaney High School

Thursday, April 15, 2010
Zone 9 Oratorical Contest
6:30 PM at the Crowne Plaza
Hotel in Timonium

Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Club Dinner Meeting
6:30 PM at Future Home Annex

Fri., April 30-Sun., May 2, 2010
Third Quarter MDSD District
Board Meeting/Conference &
District Oratorical Finals
Carousel Hotel in Ocean City,
Maryland

35th Annual Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration Kickoff Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2010
6:30 P.M.

Future Home Annex

All Members are encouraged to attend.

Guests are welcome.

Pizza will be served.

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



Essay Contest



The essays have been judged and the winners have been determined for both the GJOC and the TU Optimist Club's Contests. They are:

Greater Jacksonville

1. Emily Oliver
2. Kate Shipley
3. Robbie Mathey

Towson University

1. Sara Mahmood
2. Rahul Grover
3. Ginny Nuckols

Congratulations to all of the winners. They all attend Dulaney High School.

The first place winner's essay for each Club has been forwarded to the MD/SD 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 first, \$3,750 second, and \$2,250 third.

Thank you to all of the students who wrote essays. We encourage you to enter again next year.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the contest.

Oratorical Contest

Thursday, March 25, 2010

St. James Academy
3100 Monkton Rd.
Monkton, MD 21111

6:45 PM



Our Club's contest, open to youth under the age of 16 on December 31, 2009, will feature ten boys and ten girls speaking for 4-5 minutes on the topic "**Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem.**"

The students will meet with the committee members at 6:15 PM for final preparations for the contest. Then everyone—students, parents, teachers, judges, guests, and Optimists will meet in the Susan Tucker Moore Theatre at 6:45 PM followed by the contest at 7:00 PM. One group will speak in the theatre and the other group will speak in the activity room.

Following the contest everyone is invited to a desert social while the judges determine the results.

The awards presentation will be in the theatre after the dessert social.

The first place boy and girl will advance to the Zone 9 Contest where they will compete with the winners from the Cockeysville, Hereford, Northwest Baltimore, Timonium, Towson University, and Wood/lawn Gwynn Oak Optimist Club's contests. Dinner reservation information is on page 2.

The boy and girl winners of the Zone 9 Contest will qualify for the Maryland/South Delaware District Contest at the Carousel Hotel In Ocean City.

The boy and girl winner of the District Contest will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship from the Optimist International Foundation.

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

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
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Club Youth and Community Service Activities are held throughout the year

Jacksonville Jottings Editors
Dennis & Ann Lane
410-592-2574 or

Happy Birthday



Dick Frye - 3/20
David Page - 3/28
Harry Kolodner - 3/29



The Chinese Student Exchange Program

Twenty-nine (29) students from Xi'an, China arrived on February 23, 2010, and are being hosted by families from Dulaney, Towson, and Hereford High schools. This is the largest group of Chinese Exchange Students in the history of the Baltimore County School program. The students are attending classes in the High Schools where their respective families live.

The schools have planned several field trips and other school activities including High School sports and dances.

The Cockeysville, Greater Jacksonville, Hereford, and Timonium Optimist Clubs are organizing:

1. A Farewell Party on Sunday, April 11
2. A trip to and Orioles game
3. Other activities possibly including a Movie Night at Future Home or a Bingo Night.

Fred Figlewski (410-785-1785 or ffiglewski@comcast.net) will post periodic updates about the program on the GJOC web site, www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org, and will send e-mail messages to let members know how they can be involved in the program's activities.

You are Invited to attend the Zone 9 Oratorical Contest



**Thursday, April 15, 2010
6:30 P.M.**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Baltimore – North**
2300 Greenspring Avenue
Timonium, MD 21093

Meal Cost:

Adults - \$20.00
Children under 12 - \$13.00
Checks should be made payable to GJOC

Deadline for Reservations
Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Send checks and number attending to GJOC
P. O. Box 442
Phoenix, MD 21013

Questions: Call 410-592-7067
or e-mail djlane@juno.com



Internet Safety

April is Optimist Internet Safety Month!

Keep the Cans Coming!



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

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!

Ocean City Here We Come!

The Third Quarter Maryland/South Delaware District Board Meeting/ Conference and District Oratorical Contest

**Friday - Sunday
April 30 - May 2, 2010**

**Carousel Hotel
Ocean City, Maryland**

**Reservation Forms are available on
www.mdsdoptimist.org**

Join the Fun!

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

Looking Back--

February 2010



SNOW!



MATHCOUNTS

Special Thanks to the Volunteers from
**The Greater Jacksonville
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MATHCOUNTS Competition

The regional **MATHCOUNTS** competition in our area, was held on Saturday, February 27 at Owings Mills High School. Barbara Crain, Carol Dunstan, Sue Gilmore, Mary Lu Hartley, Dennis Lane, and Carol Porcher assisted with the competition that involved 150+ middle school students .

The winners of the regional competition will compete in the **State Competition at Johns Hopkins University (Homewood Campus) on Saturday, March 20, 2010.**

If you would like to volunteer to assist at the **State Competition** please contact Mike Borowitz (410-785-0410 or mborowit@jhmi.edu).

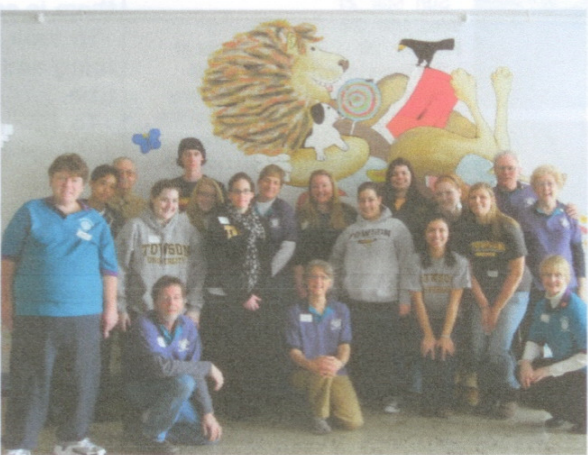


Stock Market Challenge 2010

The snow didn't keep GJOC members from signing up participants for **SMC 2010**. Members went out and asked people to participate and there are now 320 entries in **SMC 2010**. Good Job!

A special thank you goes out to new **GJOC** members **Fred and Gail Calleri**, who are participating in **SMC** for the first time, for recruiting 17 new **SMC** participants.

SMC 2010 runs from Mon., March 1 through Fri., April 30.



Valentine Bingo at Villa Maria

GJOC members and **TU Optimist Club** members were happy for a break from the snow and spent Saturday morning, February 13, running a Valentine Bingo for the children at Villa Maria. Working together, the Optimists from both Club's provided prizes, snacks, and goodie bags for the children and their counselors. The group of Optimists who participated is shown at the left.



Invite a guest to a GJOC activity!

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TU Optimist Club

TU Optimist Club Has a Busy Semester

No sooner had the TU Optimist Club members returned to campus for the Spring Semester and started their classes, the snow came and they went into a Snow Break for several days, but they still had time to get together and plan several activities for the Spring Semester.

Their first activity was participating in the Student Involvement Fair. VP Membership Hannah Himelstein and VP Public Relations Ashleigh Nesselst coordinated a team of members who worked at the Club's table sharing information about their Club with students visiting the fair.

On Saturday, February 13, several TU Optimists traveled to the Villa Maria School where they co-sponsored a Valentine Bingo with the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club for the children at the school. (See the pictures on the left.)

They are planning two Family Suppers at the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins, are sponsoring an Oratorical Contest, and are participating in the Relay for Life on their Campus.

They are also bringing in some new members. TU Optimist T.J. Sanders (on right) is shown with soon to be new member, Trevor Hedrick. Welcome Trevor!



Spring Semester Calendar

- Wed. Jan. 27 Exec. Bd. Meeting
- Wed. Feb. 3 Involvement Fair
- Sat. Feb. 13 Bingo at Villa Maria
- Wed. Feb. 24 Club Meeting
- Wed. Mar. 10 Club Meeting
- Sat. Mar. 13— Spring Break
- Sun. Mar. 21
- Wed. Mar. 24 Club Meeting
- Fri. Mar. 26 Family Supper at the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins
- Fri. Mar. 26- Sat. 27 Relay for Life at the Towson Center
- Tues. Apr. 13 Oratorical Contest
- Wed. Apr. 14 Club Meeting
- Thurs. Apr. 15 Zone 9 Oratorical
- Tues. Apr. 20 Family Supper at the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins
- Wed. Apr. 28 Club Meeting

Other dates will be announced as they are scheduled.

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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Support the TU Optimistic Tigers Relay for Life Team

7:00 PM Friday, March 26-
7:00 AM Saturday March 27, 2010

To follow the progress of their team and/or to make a donation to their team go to www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org and click on the link to the TU Optimistic Tigers team page. Thank you for your support!

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