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

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- Special Thanks to Safeway & Rite Aid for allowing GJOC members to sell tickets in front of their stores.



Plans are moving full speed ahead for the club's largest community service project—the Annual Independence Day Celebration—including the **Kids' Bike and Pet Parade** in the Manor Center, with registration beginning at 9:00 A.M. and the Parade at 10:00 AM, followed by the evening activities including entertainment and fireworks on the Jacksonville Elementary School Fields beginning at 6:30 P.M.

Music will be provided by "The **OBJECTIONS**" band and **Apple John Phd FUN** will entertain the kids. The **Annual Closest to the Pin Contest** offers everyone an opportunity to win several prizes including but not limited to an American Express Golf Card, a bag of Ravens goodies from M & T Bank, and a gift card from Bed, Bath & Beyond. The audience will be invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by local Scouts and the singing of the National Anthem followed by the **FIREWORKS** about 9:15 PM.

Thank you to GJOC member **Gail Calleri**, Donation ticket Sales Chair, and all members who assisted with the very success ticket sales and donation collection at Safeway and Rite Aid. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and gave donations. Now it's on with the show! **(See the Optimist Volunteer Schedule on Page 2)**



Golf Balls Against Childhood Cancer



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

GJOC's 7th Annual Golf Ball Drop to raise funds for the Childhood Cancer Campaign will be held before the fireworks on Saturday, June 26, 2010. A bucket of numbered golf balls will be dropped from **Alpine Tree Expert's** 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 or one third of the revenues if fewer than 150 balls are sponsored.

Thank you to everyone who has already sponsored a ball or balls. As we go to press balls are still available. If you would like to sponsor a ball or balls, please complete the enclosed handout, and either mail it to GJOC, P. O. Box 442, Phoenix, MD 21131, or bring it to the drop on Saturday night.

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

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**All Greater Jacksonville Optimists and Their Families are Invited
and Encouraged to Participate in Jacksonville's 35th Annual
Celebration of Our Country's Independence
Saturday, June 26, 2010**

Volunteer Schedule

Children's Bike and Pet Parade

Manor Shopping Center—Sweet Air Road near McDonald's

- 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 following 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
6:30 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
Kids games
6:30 P.M. — 9:00 PM The Objections Band Entertains
7:30 Carroll Manor Dance Group
6:50 P.M. — Golf Balls Against Childhood Cancer Ball Drop by **Alpine Tree Experts**
Assisted by several Optimists
8:30 P.M. — Donation Bucket Brigade through the crowd (10 Optimist Volunteers
needed to carry buckets & ask for donations to support the celebration)
9:15 P.M. — Fireworks—Enjoy the Show!
After Fireworks—The Objections plays one set
Optimists begin cleaning up the crowd area

Sunday Morning, June 27, 2010

Cleanup of the Fireworks Area

- 8:00 A.M. — Until finished The more members there, the faster the task will be
Completed. Goal is to be finished by 10:30 A.M.

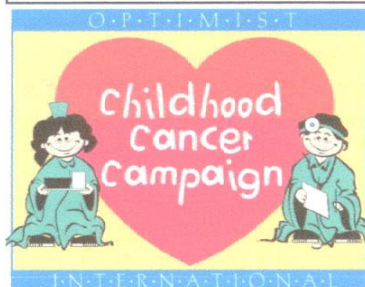
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or

**Barbara Crain, GJOC President, at 410-785-0410 or
bcrain@jhmi.edu**

to Volunteer!



Save Your Cans for the Kids!

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

Looking Back--April, May, June 2010



Above, President Barbara Crain presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Baltimore County Sheriff Jay Fisher, who addressed our members at our May Meeting.



Left—Stanley, the Baltimore Co. Court House Bomb Sniffer entertains Larry Daniels and Carol Dunstan. Above, Greater Jacksonville's entrants in the Zone 9 Oratorical contest Samantha Roche & Nathan VanRensselaer stop for a photo.



→Gail Calleri, GJOC Ind. Day 2010 Ticket Sales & Donation Chair and Carol Porcher, GJOC Ind. Day Celebration Chair, work the table at Safeway in the Manor Center.

←Dennis Lane works on crushing aluminum cans in preparation for a trip to the recycler. The funds received for the cans will be donated to the Optimist International Childhood cancer Campaign and will be matched by Jim Hubbard, Past Optimist International President.



Happy Birthday



Stephanie Maskovyak - 07/23
Bob Cook - 07/28



Happy Anniversary



David & Susan Page - 06/18
Ashby & Mary Jane Shanks - 06/19
Bill & Nancy Hauck - 06/24
Donald & Chris Bennett - 06/27

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Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club CALENDAR

Saturday, June 26, 2010

Independence Day Celebration

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Cleanup

8:00 AM on the Jacksonville
Fields

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 P.M. at Future Home

Thurs. July 8-Sat. July 10, 2010

Optimist International
Convention —Sheraton
Downtown Hotel
Denver, Colorado

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 P.M. at Future Home

Fri., Aug. 15-Sun., Aug. 16, 2010

Fourth Quarter MSD District
Board Meeting & District
Convention
Sheraton Hotel in Dover,
Delaware

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

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Annual Club Planning Meeting
Dinner 6:30 PM
Future Home Annex

Saturday, August 21, 2010

Ravens Roost # 100 Kick-Off
Party to benefit the Shop With a
Cop Project.

6:00 PM at the Charred Rib
Restaurant in Timonium.
Contact Mary Lu Hartley at
maryluhartley@yahoo.com

Saturday, August 28, 2010

Poker Run to benefit the
2010 Shop With a Cop Project
Details on GJOC web site

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010

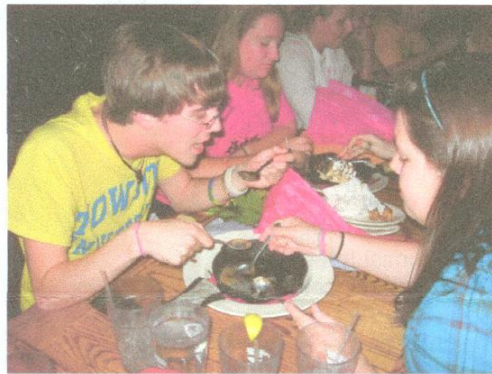
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7:30 PM at Future Home

Towson University Doings

Twas a busy time for Towson University Optimists. Right—Nancy Drescher (from Jacksonville) Sam Weinstein (TU), and TU Professor Marcella Lightfoot were the judges for TU's Oratorical Contest.



Above—Lt. Gov. Mark Harris & Ashleigh Nessel (VP TU Optimists) present a certificate to TU Oratorical Contestant Gerard Whalen at the Zone 9 Contest.



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.

Optimist International

The Towson University Optimists celebrated the end of school year with a Farewell Party at Bate-man's. Top Left—TJ Sanders and Caroline Abrams enjoy dessert. Below—Jessica Ross, Jill North, Rachael Wolfe and Tori Simonetti enjoy the evening..

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