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Friend of Youth

www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org

October 8, 2010

410-592-7067

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

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club CALENDAR

Friday, October 15, 2010

Basket Bingo at Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company
7:00 PM Doors open at 6:00 PM
Tickets—\$12.00
Visit www.jvfc.com to order tickets or call 410-666-3736
Food & Refreshments will be available

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Annual Crab Feast/Family Picnic
2:00 PM at Future Home Annex

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

Club Dinner Meeting
6:30 PM at Future Home Annex
Vote on Club By Laws
Guest Speaker: HOBY Student

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Fair at St. Vincent's Villa
10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Zone 9 Meeting Hosted by GJOC at Phil Mearig's home on Manor Rd. Followed by a talk and viewing of Phil's antique car collection
9:00 AM

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Fri., Nov. 5-Sun., Nov. 7, 2010

First Quarter MDS District Board Meeting/Conference
Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center
Gettysburg, PA

November ???, 2010

Youth Appreciation Dinner Meeting. Date and location to be announced soon.

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Saturday, Decembef 11, 2010

Shop With a Cop

Crab & Shrimp Feast

Saturday, October 16, 2010

2:00 PM till?

Future Home Annex
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
Phoenix, MD 21131

Cost: \$25 for crab & shrimp eaters
\$10 for non-crab eaters
(Children under 10 free)

"All the Fix-ins Supplied"

Fried chicken, hot dogs, salads, and desserts.

Members, guests, and prospective members are invited.

Please RSVP to Dave Ward at
410-666-0086 or cdauidward@aol.com
by October 13, 2010!



GJOC BYLAWS

A copy of our Club's Bylaws was mailed to all members in September. Please be prepared to vote on them at our October 20th dinner meeting.

Fair at St. Vincent's Villa

The Villa Fair, a fun activity for the students at St. Vincent's Villa and their families—involving games, crafts, entertainment, and food—is on **Saturday, October 23, 2010, from 10:00 AM—2:00 PM.**

Carol Porcher is GJOC's contact person for the fair. If you would like to participate in this fun activity with the kids, please contact Carol at H 410-357-4717, W 410-666-0008 or carol.porcher@pnc.com.

Club Dinner Meeting Wednesday, October 20, 2010 6:30 PM

Future Home Annex

Program: HOBY—Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership

Business Item: Vote on Club Bylaws

Members, Guests, and prospective members are invited.

RSVP to Dave Ward at
410-666-0086 or cdauidward@aol.com by
Sunday, Oct. 17!



Now is the Time to Nominate High School Juniors or Seniors for The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's 2010-2011 Outstanding Youth Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's 2010-2011 Outstanding Youth Awards which recognize youth for their efforts in the arts, athletics, academics, and community service. You are invited to **nominate high school juniors or seniors from the Greater Jacksonville area for these awards.** The youth will be recognized at a dinner in November.

A nomination form is enclosed with this newsletter and they are available on the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org. **The deadline for nominations is Monday, November 1, 2010.**

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Youth Appreciation Program, please contact **Dave Ward at 410-666-0086 or cdauidward@aol.com.**

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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Dennis & Ann Lane
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GJOC in Action!
Playground Progress!



GJOC hosted a outdoor Movie Night at the Sunshine Grille which raised \$330 for "Our Children's Playground" being built at the new Sweet Air Park on Sweet Air Road in Jacksonville.

The GJOC Board voted to donate \$170 to bring GJOC's donation for the playground to \$500. Thank you to all who participated.

Everyone is invited to attend the playground dedication at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 26, 2010.



↑ Playground sections arrive.



↑ Breaking ground .



↑ Pieces of the playground puzzle are gradually being put together. "Twill look fine for kids from the Jacksonville area!"



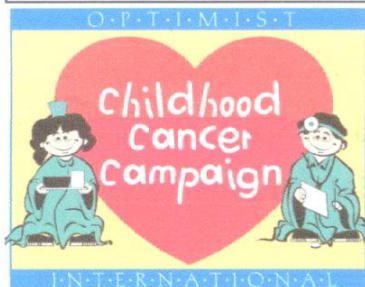
Dave Ward and Dick Frye enjoy the beautiful day at Talmar's big fall festival. Several GJOC members helped make this event a success.



GJOC President Barbara Crain thanks Mary Lee Saarbach for visiting our Club to tell us about changes at St. Vincent's Villa.



Ann Lane receives an Outstanding Club Member's Citation from GJOC President Barbara Crain for being GJOC's Outstanding Club Member in 2009-2010.



Save Your Cans for the Kids!



Dennis Lane, Cindy Wontrop, and her Granddad, Bob Rigger, took a load of cans to the recycle center to benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign. This load weighed 208 pounds and raised \$156 for the CCC which will be matched by Past OI President Jim Hubbard.

Thank you to all who are saving cans!

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Optimist International Scholarship Contests



Essay Contest—Open to all youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2010.

Prize: District winner—**\$2,500 scholarship from the Optimist International Foundation.**

Each participant will write a 700-800 word essay on the topic **“How My Education is the Key to a Successful Future”** following the guidelines provided by Optimist International.

The essays entered in GJOC's contest will be judged by a team of judges and the winning essay will be entered in the Maryland/South Delaware District contest. The essays in the District Contest will then be judged by a team of judges and the writer of the winning essay will receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

Essay contest entry forms and additional information are available on the GJOC web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.

Deadline for entries is Friday, January 21, 2011.



Oratorical Contest—Open to all youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2010.

Prizes: District Level—1st Place Boy and Girl each receive a **\$2,500 scholarship.**

Each participant will speak for 4-5 minutes on the topic **“If I Were Leader of**

the Free World, the First Issue I Would Address Would be . . .” GJOC's contest will be in March, 2011; the Zone 9 Contest will be in April; and the District Finals will be in May in Ocean City.

Oratorical contest applications and additional information about the contest are available on the GJOC web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.

Deadline for entries is March 1, 2011.

Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company Fun Fundraising Activities



2010 Basket Bingo
Friday, October 15, 2010
At the Firehouse

The doors will open at 6:00 PM and the games will begin at 7:00 PM. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Tickets for the evening are \$12.00 and may be purchased on line at www.jvfc.com.

GJOC contact person for this event is Mary Lu Hartley—maryluhartley@yahoo.com or 410-357-9873.



6th Annual “Wine & Hoses” Event
Saturday, October 23, 2010
4:00 PM—7:00 PM
At the Firehouse

The event will feature wine and beer tasting. Lite fare will be provided by the new “Chops Restaurant and Lounge.”

Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at Bradley's Wine & Spirits in Paper Mill Village or on line at www.jvfc.com.

For more information call Bradley's at 410-628-0428.

Proceeds of both events benefit the Jacksonville Volun-



Stock Market Challenge 2011
Kickoff Dinner Meeting
January 19, 2011

GJOC 2010-2011 Dues

Dues invoices for the October 1, 2010—September 30, 2011 Optimist year are in the mail.

Please send your check to Treasurer Pam McCollum by October 30, 2010. Thank you very much!

Happy Anniversary

None in October

Happy Birthday

Dave Gilmore - 10/15
Dennis Lane - 10/29
Ed Sturtevant - 10/29
Chad Casserly - 11/13



Share your Optimism with others. Invite a guest to a GJOC activity!

Together Everyone Achieves More!

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Towson University Optimist Club

The TU Optimist Club is planning a busy Fall Semester. They are in the process of getting returning members together and have signed up several new members.

Activities on their calendar include the following:

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

Bake Sale in the Union from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Club Meeting in RM 008 in Linthicum Hall at 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Villa Fair at St. Vincent's Villa from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Members will be leaving campus at 8:30 to arrive at St. Vincent's Villa by 9:00 AM to help set up.

Fundraising Activity at Baltimore Ravens Games

Sundays, October 24, November 7, 2010 & December 5, 2010

The goal is to have a minimum of 10 members work each game doing customer service activities.

Saturday, November 13, 2010—7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Fundraiser—Pancake breakfast at Applebees on Padonia Rd

Serve Family Suppers at the Believe in Tomorrow House at Johns Hopkins—Dates to be determined.

Saturday, December 11, 2010—Shop With a Cop

Dues: \$35 for the year or \$20 per semester are due before October 30, 2010



TU Optimist Club Treasurer writes receipts for new member's dues.

TU Optimist Club 2010-2011 Executive Board

President—Jessica Ross

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VP Technology—T. J. Sanders

Advisors: Dennis & Ann Lane

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



Mark Your Calendar!

93rd Annual Optimist International Convention
July 3, 4, & 5, 2011
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland

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