



JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Friend of Youth

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

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 30, 2010
Youth Appreciation Evening
7:00 PM at Future Home Annex

December 1-9, 2010

Happy Hanukkah!

Wednesday, December 1, 2010
Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Thursday, December 2, 2010
TU Optimist Club Family Supper
at Believe in Tomorrow Children's House—6:30 PM

Saturday, December 11, 2010
Shop With a Cop
7:45 AM Optimists Arrive at Walmart
8:00 AM Children and Cops Arrive

Sunday, December 12, 2010
Holiday Open House & Club Giftwrapping Party to Wrap Gifts for Our Adopted Families
2:00 PM at Future Home Annex

Saturday, December 25, 2010



Saturday, January 1, 2011



Happy New Year!

Wednesday, January 5, 2011
Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Saturday, January 15, 2011
Essay Contest Deadline

Wednesday, January 19, 2011
Dinner Meeting—Stock Market Challenge 2011 Kickoff
6:15 PM at Future Home Annex



Annual Youth Appreciation Evening

Tuesday, November 30, 2010
7:00 PM

Future Home Annex
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
Phoenix, MD 21131

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club will be honoring several local youth followed by a dessert social.

Everyone is invited!

Please RSVP to Dave Ward at
410-666-0086 or cwardward@aol.com by
Sunday, November 28, 2010!



Gift Wrapping at St. Vincent's Villa

GJOC Optimists will be wrapping gifts for the children at St. Vincent's Villa (Formerly Villa Maria) in December. As soon as the wrapping dates are announced we'll publish them on our web site.



GJOC Adopt a Family for the Holidays Project

GJOC Vice President Carol Porcher and Director Dave will be contacting all members inviting them to participate in our annual Adopt a Family for the Holidays project.

Please bring the gifts you purchase for the families to the GJOC Holiday Open House & Club Giftwrapping Party at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 12, 2010, at Future Home Annex. The gifts will be wrapped and prepared for delivery at the party.



Shop With a Cop

At 8:00 AM on Saturday morning, Saturday, December 11, 2010, Optimists from the Cockeysville, Greater Jacksonville, Hereford, Timonium, and Towson University Optimist Clubs will greet 100 Baltimore County Police Officers and 100 children who will arrive in Baltimore County Police vehicles at the Wal Mart Super Center on York Road in Cockeysville for the Annual Shop With a Cop project.

The officers will assist the youth with their shopping and the Optimists will assist with checkout and giftwrapping. Following shopping, the children and Police Officers will attend a brunch at the Outback Steakhouse in Hunt Valley Towne Center.

The Optimist Clubs have been working hard all year to raise \$10,000 for this project so each child will have \$100 to spend. If you would like to make a donation to support this project, please contact GJOC President Barbara Crain at 410-785-0410 or bcrain@jhmi.edu.

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

**Greater Jacksonville
Optimist Club Officers and
Directors**

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410-785-0410

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410-426-8287

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410-785-4874

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410-592-2574

Dave Ward
410-666-0086

**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
410-592-2574 or
djlane@juno.com

GJOC in Action!



"Our Children's Playground" in Sweet Air Park on Sweet Air Road in Jacksonville was dedicated on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, and is now open. It is becoming a very popular place for local families to bring their children. Thank you to everyone who supported this project. Stop by and check it out! The kids love it!



GJOC Members Ann Lane, Dennis Lane, Barbara Crain, Mike Borowitz, Carol Porcher, and Carol Applegate enjoyed a fun day with the kids at St. Vincent's Villa Fall Fun Fest 2010.



Who is that with GJOC member Ann Lane?



Ms. Santa & Santa Claus Crab Shell Ornaments
Hand painted by Pat Brown, Past MDSF First Lady, and member of the Calvert Prince Frederick Optimist Club. \$10 each or \$20 for set of two to benefit the 2011 OI Convention in Baltimore Committee. Order yours today. Contact Dennis & Ann Lane—410-592-2574

O.P.T.I.M.I.S.T.

Childhood Cancer Campaign

I-N-T-E-R-N-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

Save Your Cans for the Kids!

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



**Optimist International
Scholarship Contests**



Both the Essay Contest and Oratorical Contest are open to all youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2010. Contest applications and additional information about the contests are available on the GJOC web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org. See enclosed flyers.



GJOC Director Carol Applegate and President Barbara Crain present a Guest Speaker Certificate of Appreciation to Matthew Coplai.



**GJOC Hosts
Zone 9 Meeting**

Above—GJOC President Barbara Crain and Zone 9 Lt. Gov. Mark Harris share their appreciation with Phil Mearig (left) for hosting the meeting on his farm and giving the group a tour of his antique car collection.



HOBY Ambassador Visits GJOC October Dinner Meeting. Matthew Coplai, a sophomore at Towson High School, who was Towson's representative to the 2010 Maryland Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar shared his experience with GJOC members at the October meeting. Matt, who was sponsored by GJOC, was also selected to represent Maryland at the World Leadership Congress in LA in July which was attended by students from 48 states and 20 countries. Matt really enjoyed the leadership experience and thanked GJOC for sponsoring him.



**Stock Market Challenge 2011
Kickoff Dinner Meeting
January 19, 2011**

Happy Anniversary

- Carol and Steve Porcher - 11/23
- Pam and Shon McCollum - 11/27
- Dave and Terrie Gilmore - 11/30
- Orville & Eleanor Hughes - 12/08
- Mike & Barbara Borowitz - 12/29

Happy Birthday

- Lyal Peyton - 12/04
- Carol Dunstan - 12/05
- John Littleton - 12/07
- Sue Goetz - 12/08
- Mike Borowitz - 12/09
- Bob Rigger - 12/17
- Glen Thomas - 12/13
- Dave Ward - 12/24
- Ashby Shanks - 12/30



GJOC 2010-2011 Dues

Thank you to all members who have paid their 2010-2011 Dues.

If you have not yet paid, please mail your check to GJOC Treasurer Pam McCollum.
Thank you very much!

Together Everyone Achieves More!

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Towson University Optimist Club

Thank you for supporting our Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser



The TU Optimists have been busy this semester. They held a bake sale in the Union on October 20, participated in the St. Vincent's Fall Fun Fest on October 23, and held a Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebee's on November 13. They will be working at the Raven's game against Pittsburgh on November 28, will be serving a Family Supper at the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House on December 2, have adopted a family for the holidays and will participate in Shop With a Cop.

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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**Reminder—
Deadline for Entries is
Saturday, January 15, 2011!**

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2010-2011

College Scholarship Essay Contest

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P.O. Box 442, Phoenix, MD 21131

www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org

410-592-7067

Who: Youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2010

Topic: "How My Education is the Key to a Successful Future"

Length: 700-800 Words

When: Now Through January 15, 2011

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club Essay Contest Entries

must be received by

Saturday, January 15, 2011

Maryland South Delaware District Award

First Place District Winner--\$2,500 Scholarship

To obtain an entry form and contest rules visit

www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org

For More Information Contact

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club at

410-592-7067 or djlane@juno.com

Each Optimist District conducts an Essay contest beginning at the Club level. Essays are entered and judged at the Club level and each Club's winning Essay advances to their District's contest.

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Who: Youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2010

Topic: "If I were Leader of the Free World, the First Issue I would Address would be . . ."

Length: Four to Five Minutes

When: Greater Jacksonville Optimist Oratorical Contest – March 2011
Date and Location to be Determined

Zone 9 Contest – April 2011
Hosted by the Towson University Optimist Club
Date & Location to be Determined

Maryland South Delaware District of
Optimist International Contest
April 29 - May 1, 2011 at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, MD

**District Boy Winner--\$2,500 Scholarship
District Girl Winner--\$2,500 Scholarship**

**For Contest Entry Form and Rules
Visit www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org or call 410-592-7067**

The Optimist International Oratorical Contest began in 1928. The Greater Jacksonville Optimists began their participation in the Oratorical Contest in the Spring of 1985. Each Optimist District conducts competitions beginning at the local Club level. Club boy and girl winners advance to their local Zone Contest and the Zone boy and girl winners advance to the District contest where the District boy and girl winners each receive a \$2,500 college scholarship.

Students from the Greater Jacksonville area, under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2011, are invited to participate in our contest. The first place boy and girl winners of our contest will compete in the Zone 9 contest with the winners from the Cockeysville, Hereford, Northwest Baltimore, Timonium, Towson University, and Woodlawn/Gwynn Oak Optimist Clubs. The Zone 9 winners will compete with the winners from the other seven Zones in the Maryland South Delaware District Contest.

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