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

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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS

First Thursday 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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Activities Update

Welcome to Our Newest Member—Please welcome our newest member, Pastor Robert Pierson, of the Fairview United Methodist Church. Rob was inducted at the Club's 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Club/Board Meeting—7:30 PM on Thursday, October 2 at Future Home. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. That will be the Club's first meeting of the 2014-2015 Optimist Year that begins on October 1.

Dinner Meeting—6:30 PM on Thursday, October 16 at Future Home Annex (The Barn) All members and guests are welcome.

Fall Fundraiser—



**Boscov's Department Store
Friends HELPING Friends
Tuesday, October 21, 2014
9:00 AM—11:00 PM**

As a local non-profit organization, the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club has been invited to participate in Boscov's Friends HELPING Friends program. Here's how it works:

1. The Club received 250 25% Off Shopping Passes from Boscov's which can be used for 25% off purchases at Boscov's on October 21.
2. The Shopping Passes cost \$5.00 each. Club members sell them for \$5.00 each and all the money received is used for the Club.
3. Four (4) Shopping Passes are enclosed for you. You can do the following:
 - A. Purchase 1 for yourself and sell the other 3.
 - B. Purchase 1 for yourself and throw the others away
 - C. Purchase all 4, use 1 for yourself, and give the others as a gift to friends.
 - D. Sell all 4 of them to others.
 - E. If you choose not to participate, just destroy them and throw them away. Please do not use or give them away unless you receive \$5.00 for them.
5. If you want more Shopping Passes, please contact Dennis Lane at 410-592-7067 or djlane@juno.com and they'll be sent to you.
4. Please send a check payable to GJOC for \$5.00 for each of the Shopping Passes you purchase or sell to GJOC, P. O. Box 442, Phoenix, MD 21131.
6. GJOC has to report back to Boscov's after the event telling them how much money the Club raised with the project.

Everyone is invited to participate. Thank you for your support.

30th Anniversary Celebration—It was a fun evening as the members and guests celebrated 30 years of service to kids and our community. If you were unable to attend, a copy of the program and a small gift is enclosed for you.

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

2014-2015 Optimist International Scholarship Contests

Essay Contest—



Students are invited to participate in the 2014-2015 contest which is open to all youth under the age of 19, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent. The topic is: **“Optimism Should be a Priority.”**

More details about the 2014-2015 contest are on the GJOC website, www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.

Oratorical Contest



Students are invited to participate in the 2014-2015 contest which is open to all youth under the age of 19, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent. The topic is **“How My Optimism will help Me Press on to “Greater Achievements of the Future.””**

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Towson University Optimist Club

The TU Optimist Club members have returned to campus. They sponsored a table at the TU Fall Semester Involvement Fair on September 3 where they met many students who expressed interest in the Club and they are optimistic that several of them will join their Club.

They are planning a fundraiser with the Baltimore Ravens; Community Service programs including serving family suppers at the Believe in Tomorrow House, a project at St. Vincent's Villa, Shop With a Cop; and some new projects. They will meet on October 6 & 20; November 3 & 17; and December 1.



**The answer
might surprise
you!**



Save Your Cans for the Kids!

Please continue to save your aluminum cans to be recycled for the Optimist Childhood campaign which supports a Childhood Cancer research project at Johns Hopkins. You can bring the cans to optimist meetings, drop them off at Dennis Lane's house or call Dennis to make other arrangements.

**Please Save Your Inkjet
and Toner Cartridges
for Recycling to
help reduce GJOC's
printing expenses.**

**You can give them to
Barbara Crain
or Dennis Lane. Thank you!**

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

Together Everyone Achieves More!