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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 Happenings

Report on Independence Day Celebration 2016

We had another successful Independence Day Celebration this year, thanks to our many volunteers who worked hard to raise money, get multiple permits, assemble all “moving parts”, and (of course!) clean up afterwards. This year we were joined by our friends at the Ravens Roost of Jacksonville (#131), who helped with raffle ticket sales, the bucket brigade, and Sunday morning clean-up. Special kudos to Carol Porcher, who once again chaired this event.

Tuesday, September 8, 2016

Club/Board Meeting—7:30 PM at Future Home. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the Club’s decision making process.

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Food, Fellowship, and Donations to a Worthy Cause—2:00-5:00 PM at The Barn. This year we are having a “Back to School Santa” event to support the children at St. Vincent’s Villa. There will be hot dogs, sloppy joes, and Prigel’s ice cream. Feel free to bring side dishes. The kids at St. Vincent’s have needs year-round. Most of them are there for only a few weeks, so there is great turn-over. The staff’s special requests are on the back of this sheet.

**“Back to School Santa”
Donations and hot dogs!**

Please RSVP to Dave Ward (410-666-0086 or cdauidward@aol.com).

Saturday, October 1

First day of the Optimist year 2016-2017. Our new officers will be President Carol Applegate, Vice President Carol Porcher, Secretary Adam Drescher, and Treasurer Pam McCollum. Please contact them with comments and suggestions for the coming year.



Dues Notices will also be going out. Sorry it seems so soon. Last year, things got away from us a bit, and notices for 2015-2016 (usually sent in late September, early October) didn’t go out until well into November.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Club/Board Meeting—7:30 PM at Future Home. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. We have several openings on the Board and would love to have you join. Call Barbara Crain for more information (410-785-0410 or Barbara.crain.10@gmail.com).

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Dinner and Bingo—6:30 PM at The Barn. Join us for a home-cooked dinner (Dutch treat), and bring some prizes to share. White elephants and items under (even well-under) \$5.00. Bring your friends! RSVP to Dave Ward (410-666-0086 or cdauidward@aol.com).



Looking Ahead!

DECEMBER —

Shop With A Cop

Contribute to the spirit of the season as Optimists and County Police join with Wal Mart in providing deserving children with holiday spending money.

GJOC’s Annual Holiday Party. Celebrate with us!

JANUARY —

Stock Market Challenge Kick-Off.

Help get the flyers out for our club’s fundraiser.

Optimists’ Essay Contest for high school students.

More volunteer opportunities.

FEBRUARY —

Math Counts. Volunteers needed to help with this math contest for middle school students.

Planning for Oratorical Contest. We need a chairman/woman to be able to have a contest this year.

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

Greater Jacksonville
Optimist Club Officers
and Directors
2015-2016

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**CLUB/BOARD
MEETINGS**

First Thursday of Each
Month
7:30 PM at
FUTURE HOME
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
410-666-0086

**Shopping list for
"Back to School Santa"**

- ◆ Swim trunks (boys sizes medium to extra-large; also men's sizes)
- ◆ Fidgets, especially Tangle Toys (these are the kids' top request)
- ◆ Card games such as Skipbo, Sorry, Revenge, and Uno-Dare
- ◆ Games such as Don't Break the Ice, Operation, and the electronic Simon Game
- ◆ Beyblade games (especially BB spinning tops, not the BB arenas)
- ◆ Legos
- ◆ Doll families for use in role-playing/therapy (multi-ethnicity) - often found in doll house sets
- ◆ Gift cards of various sorts (Target is close to St. Vincent's)

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

A Contribution to Help Our Young Friend Christine

Many of you know Fran Betty's granddaughter Christine, who recently lost her mother (Theresa) to cancer. Christine, now 16 years old, has a track record for being involved with many of our Optimist projects, including helping out at the meeting place, entertaining our members with Irish dance, and in particular being the champion raffle ticket sales girl for our Independence Day celebration.

The Optimist Club would like to participate in helping with Christine's college fund. We would like to give our individual members an opportunity to join us in this endeavor. Please make your check payable to **Maryland College Investment Plan** (for benefit of Christine Reider). Dave Ward will accept your contributions, compile them prior to our next Optimist Board Meeting on September 8, and forward them to the MCIP.

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