



# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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

Our club took a summer break after the intense fundraising for our Independence Day Celebration. I am so proud of the committee, board of directors and club members for creating a fun, safe event for Jacksonville and our surrounding friends. What a flash/bang the fireworks were! Now it is back to the calendar of events for the remainder of the Optimist year.

September is our anniversary month—33 years. We start with a membership meeting on September 7 to plan the 2017-18 year. If you have ideas for new projects, want to volunteer your time and expertise on continuing ones or have suggestions to enhance them, please let us know.

## September—Our Month to Support Youth

A dinner meeting on Thursday September 28 at 6:30 pm in the annex will introduce us to HOBY students and other guests. We will make a donation to the Ravens Roost for their man/woman power assistance for our Independence Day activities. RSVP please to me at 410-746-0150 or [capplegate@jhmi.edu](mailto:capplegate@jhmi.edu) so we plan enough food. You can help us blow out the 33 club anniversary candles on the cake!

Also, to support the Villa Maria children, there is a list of needed items on page 2. They can be dropped off on September 7 and 28. We have long supported the Villa's efforts though the years and we are certainly appreciated. We will transport the items to the school.

Have a safe, fun August. It is a vacation month so the grandkids (teens now), Pat and I will visit the Shenandoah Valley, Massanutten Resort. Golf, picnics, 2 new books, wine and probably only a few work calls! I am looking forward to it.

See you in September!

*Carol Applegate*



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**CLUB MEETINGS**

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

**Report: Business Meeting August 3**

Due to rain, wind, downed trees and closed roads, no one could get to the meeting. Emails have been flowing across the internet to get our work and future plans done.

**MDSO Optimist 4th Quarter Convention**

District 33 meeting is August 11-13 at the Holiday Inn, 604 Station Rd. Grantville, PA 17028 near Hershey. We will join the Atlantic Central District in a combined meeting. Carol A & Adam D are going up for Saturday if anyone wants a ride.

**Business Meeting Thursday September 7, 7:30 @ Dave's**

Please join us. All members and guests are welcome.

**Villa Maria School at Dulaney Valley** provides educational and clinical services for children with significant emotional, behavioral, and learning challenges. Their needs for the fall semester for kindergarten to 9th grade are:

- ◆ Fidgets such as Tangles, Jeliku, Spinners, Mental Blocks, Flexiblocks, fidget cubes, stress balls (even with corporate logos are fine)
- ◆ Writing journals that would be gender neutral
- ◆ Uno and Skipbo
- ◆ Yoga Mats
- ◆ Inexpensive digital watches, mostly for boys in the 10-13 year old range

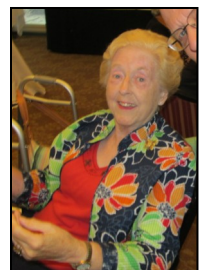


Barbara, thanks for all your support this year.



Carol, you are our unsung hero of the year!

Hi Anne. How are you?



**Fact Corner—Did you know...August**

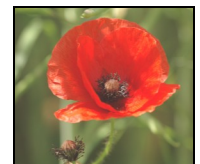
Birthstone is peridot and sardonyx (banded agate quartz-earth tones)

Flower is poppy or gladiolus

August is children's eye health & safety month

Watermelons are ripe!

Solar eclipse August 21—in zip 21206 it will peak at 2:42 PM when the moon will obscure 79% of the sun. It starts at 1:19 PM and ends at 4:01 PM.



**Happy Birthday!**

Dave Storf	8/9
Bob Pearce	8/21
Larry Daniels	8/27
Carol Porcher	8/28



That without honor and kindness there are no rituals in the world that make a difference.

Author Anne Perry

**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.