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

REPORT: Shop With A Cop

Nearly 100 county police cars & SUVs in a procession up I83, 4 Optimist Clubs (Jacksonville, Timonium, Cockeysville, Towson), 111 children each spending \$100 in Walmart...what a sight!

County Police pick up the children and drive them to Hunt Valley using their sirens and letting the children wear their hats. They help them shop for themselves and their families.

The Optimists form a welcoming reception, work at check out bagging, and assist with cookies & OJ snacks. Then it's onto present wrapping and breakfast at Outback. Our club donated \$1,000 to support 10 needy children providing deserving holiday cheer. Thank you for your support.

REPORT: Annual Holiday Party & Believe in Tomorrow House @ Hopkins

Members and family celebrated with great food...thank you Dave, Joann and friends. We all brought paper goods, dry & canned foods, cookies & snacks for the cancer patients' families as they live in the 15 rooms and wait for their children's treatments. You were all very creative and generous. We also donated \$40 toward needed items for the house.



On Friday December 23 Mickey & Dick Price and I delivered an SUV full of appreciated gifts. We met a mother and teen who were packed up and ready to pick up a younger child and take her home for Christmas. Hugs all around and "see you in a couple months for the next treatment". They appreciate this temporary home a block away from the hospital where they can cook up a simple meal.

WELCOME new member Terri Parrish, M.Ed. Special ED

Retired Baltimore County teacher and current Chair BC Commission on Disabilities. She has a winning smile and loves to volunteer for League of Women Voters, Britt Memorial, aging & disabilities and at church. We are glad to have you.



Aluminum Cans Recycle—Bring them 1/19/17

Thursday, January 19 Stock Market Challenge Kick-Off 6:30

New location: Dave's House for dinner!

This is our club's main fund raiser to support all our projects and donations toward area youth. It has been declining the past two years which has put a dent into our donations to worthy causes. Please help us to increase sales. Help get the flyers out. Then please participate by selling tickets to friends and buying a \$20 ticket—or 2 or 3! It's fun to guess which stocks will rise in two months. Will your chosen five win the big prize? Or consolation last place?

Optimist Essay Contest January 23 deadline

Know any students who enjoy writing? The topic is "Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges" for students under the age of 18 by Oct 1 with proof of age by birth certificate or passport. 700 to 800 words. The winner from our club will go onto the District competition for monetary awards.

Thursday, February 2 Board Meeting 7:30

At Dave Ward's house. All are invited.



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First Thursday of Month
7:30 PM
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