



# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

*Friend of Youth*

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

Thank you members for a successful 2016-17 year and the enthusiasm to continue our community service and social events. Our new year began October 1. We have planned the next 12 months to reflect our members' interests and requests. I am attaching the Plan of Action again for you. Make your calendars and please participate.

The club dues billing will be coming out soon. There is a \$5 increase due to the \$5 increase proposed by the MDSD District. The breakdown of fees will be on the billing. I appreciate your continued support of our community. Thank you John Donahue who is the first to pay his dues for 2017-18!



In Optimism,

*Carol Applegate*

Pat & Carol celebrating 49th anniversary in Rhode Island.

## Optimist New Year Fun

### Membership Meeting Thursday October 12, 7:30 @ Dave's

Please note, second Thursday! Join us.

### Bingo & Chili Cook Off Thursday October 19, 6:30 in the annex

Bring those "White Elephant" things that are collecting dust, need to be re-gifted, or fun items sitting in your drawer! Someone else will enjoy winning your stuff at our bingo. Dinner will be pot luck with a Chili theme. Please RSVP your participation. [Capplegate@jhmi.edu](mailto:Capplegate@jhmi.edu), 410-746-0150. Suggestions are chili dip, beef or chicken chili, with or without beans, rolls or cornbread, salad, dessert—use your imagination or use a new recipe to try on us.

Members, family, grandchildren, best friends and neighbors are all invited. Prospective members are especially welcome. Share our "Optimism".



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#### **CLUB MEETINGS**

First Thursday of Month  
7:30 PM  
FUTURE HOME  
12900 Jarrettsville Pike  
Phoenix, MD 21131  
410-666-0086

**MDSD Optimist 1st Quarter Convention**

Nov. 4 in Hagerstown.

**New Directors**

Mary Ann Hand & Terri Parrish attended a director’s training session and are ready to start October 1 as our new Optimist year begins. Thank you for stepping up.

**Villa Maria School at Dulaney Valley**

In September we collected items for the children. Thank you for donating yoga mats, watches, toys, games, and McDonalds gift certificates. Thank you Carol Porcher for delivering these items.

**St. John’s Lutheran Church**

36 Annual Craft & Flea Market, Saturday October 14.

**Ravens Roost Support**

Cindy Lane, President of the Ravens Roost, and members attended the September Social.

**Zone 6 Meeting Saturday October 14**

9:30 at Cylmalia UMC 2920 Stockton & Old York Rd.

**Report HOBY Presentations**

John McDermott, Parkville HS sophomore, rose above the hardships of a teen mom and being passed between family members. He now resides with a supportive aunt and uncle and excels in math and ROTC.

Marjorie Antonio, a Junior at Eastern HS, volunteers for HOBY and is manager for the Le Lab at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine to research cancer metabolism. She will be co-author on a upcoming publication.

Soleil Grant, Fallston HS, spoke about her lasting impressions and new friends she made at HOBY. Her mom expressed how Soleil, a great daughter, returned “changed” for the better. She wants to start a Sisters’ Club for young women with sexist & racial concerns.

**Tricia Lane-Forster**

Tricia was awarded the Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities Teacher of the Year. She has worked for the county for 15 years, first at Dundalk Middle, then Parkville HS and now Ridge Ruxton Elementary as their art teacher. She also mentors college students and helps other art instructors with special needs students. Thank you Tricia for caring for the youth and taking the extra steps to be an outstanding teacher.



Carol A taking a second carload of club donations to Johns Hopkins Children’s Cancer Centers Believe in Tomorrow House.



**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.

**Happy Birthday!**

Dave Gilmore

10/15







Ravens Roost 131 received \$500 for their support of our Independence Day



HOBY students Soleil and Marjorie with Carol



HOBY student John enjoying dinner with Lt Gov Ken



Carol P, Fran and Adam getting meatball subs and salad.



Lt Gov Ken installed Mary Ann Hand as Director for Greater Jacksonville.



Donald Bennett and Adam Drescher, both Charter Members, cut our anniversary cake

**September 28—Club 33rd Anniversary and HOBY student presentations.**

## Message from our MDS District 33 Governor Bill Stone

My Fellow Optimists,

It is my great pleasure to serve as your Governor for the 2017-2018 term. My theme this year is “One Team, One Dream.” Every member in our district are an essential part of this team. My dream is for our district to be recognized, to be distinguished for all the hard work we do in ‘Bringing Out the Best in Kids.’

I have several goals to help accomplish my dream for this year. Our district, its members, its clubs, its zones, have already done so much to help the youth of our communities. Together, as a team, let’s continue to increase community involvement. We can build new clubs, rather it be a sports club, a college club, a club within a club, more JOI clubs. Every club should hold a NOW (New Optimist Welcome) event to carry the message of Optimism forward. It does not have to be the traditional dinner, like in the past. Any event your club sponsors can become a NOW event, just have applications available and members ready to spread the word of Optimism. Let’s reach every corner of our communities and find those who want to join our team, those who want to help support the youth.

I want to recognize those team members who go above and beyond in our organization – those individuals who stand out in our district, rather through bringing in members, assisting in building new clubs, or coming up with new ideas for their clubs and district to help bring out the best in youth.

Most importantly, I want to improve the line of communication to the members of our district. District bulletins will be provided via email and snail mail. Embracing the era of social media, I will be providing a monthly Governor’s message on the MDS District 33 Facebook page. Each week, I am going to send out a message covering different topics in optimism. I want everyone to know what the Optimist organization represents. I’d like to offer an ‘Open Door’ policy to every member in this district. If you have any questions/concerns, or just want to talk about Optimists or any new ideas to help our organization, please don’t hesitate to contact me – [w.stone@erols.com](mailto:w.stone@erols.com).

We have thirty-three Optimist clubs in our District. I want these clubs to act as one unit (team) to help fulfill the dreams of the youths of our communities. To accomplish this, we must work together as one and help each other with all that is involved to accomplish this dream.

I want to thank you for all that you have done in helping the youth in our community and for all the great achievements that you will accomplish this year in continuing with this objective.

**ONE TEAM, ONE DREAM!!!**

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