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

Membership Meeting March 1

REPORT: 9 in attendance. We counted entries to SMC; updated the work progression for Independence Day, and discussed Essay contest. Our next meeting is April 5 at 7:30 at **Dave's**.

REPORT: Stock Market Challenge (SMC)

Our fundraiser closed with 210 entries with 4 freebies (for sales of 3 new people). Thank you all for participating. The sales were not as robust as expected—we want to be able to do more for the community. Thank you to all participants! I can't wait to hear who is at the top on close of day March 31! If I can't be winning, then maybe I'll be last and get my donation returned.

Optimist Essay Contest Dessert Social March 15, 7 PM

Chair, Terri Parrish invites us all to hear the top three student essays. The 700-800 word task was **"Can Society Function Without Respect?"** Thank you to judges **Nancy Neal** and **Helen Petrick** Jacksonville Optimist members and to Kathy Boyle. Finalists Robert Meloni, Haley Murnane, Jack Shimanek will each receive gift cards and certificate. The winner advances to our MDSD District competition. Save your calorie uptake for that night. **Barbara Crain** is rounding up sweets for a dessert table. The event will be at Dave's house. There has been winter damage in the meeting hall.



Childhood Cancer Support Group—MDSD District Project

Chair **Mary Ann Hand** has placed money receptacles in Jacksonville stores: Papermill Pharmacy, Bradley's Liquors, and Roma's. Drop your coins in to help the kids at Johns Hopkins Children's Cancer Center and their families. Mickey Price is the Optimist District Chair. \$25 donated so far! Let's all empty our pockets of change at our next meeting.

Jacksonville Optimist dues

There are still 2 members who have not responded to the 2017-18 dues billing sent out by Barbara Crain in October. Please help us be the community service organization that brings good will to those in need, supports the outstanding youth in our community, and smiles to it's members as we work and have fun doing our tasks. Thank you to our outstanding members.



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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of Month
7:30 PM

FUTURE HOME

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Mary Ann's Corner—Did you know...March

Birthstone is aquamarine
 Zodiac signs are Pisces & Aries
 Flower is daffodil



3/11 Daylight saving time Sunday at 2 a.m.—"spring forward" and loose an hour. Hawaii and parts of Arizona, Japan, India and China do not observe day light saving time.
 3/17 St. Patrick's Day—wear the green
 Famous March Birthdays: James Bond, Dr. Suess

Math Counts—Contact Mike Borowitz mborowit@jhmi.edu

Maryland State Competition: The State MATHCOUNTS Competition will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the John Hopkins University (Homewood Campus) in Baltimore. We anticipate the top 7 teams and the top 20% of the mathletes will advance to the State Competition from their county competitions.



Happy February Birthday!

Nancy Neal	3/3
David Page	3/28
Hank Kolodner	3/29



No lasting reputation worthy of respect can be built on a weak character. R. C. Samsel
Learning without thought is lost labor; thought without learning is perilous. Confucius

Jaycee Senator Bull & Oyster Roast March 3

REPORT: Timonium Holiday Inn. Nine members and friends attended. We certainly ate well! Thanks to all who supported Dave's and my past volunteer years with the Jaycees...and the Jaycees supported HOBY with a check again this year.



Zone 6 Meeting Saturday March 17, 1 PM

Hereford Library 16940 York Rd. Hereford, 21111 at corner of Mount Carmel. Visit Timonium Optimists' Student Art Show while you are there.

Hereford Optimist Bingo Saturday March 24, 7 p.m. \$20 presale & \$25 at the door

Hereford Firehouse doors open at 5:30 PM, play starts at 7:00. Food for sale by Charcoal Deli. This is a major fundraiser for their club. Please call Carol A 410-746-0150 to reserve your place at Jacksonville's table. We have 13 going already. Come join us!

Cinco de Mayo Saturday May 5

Mexican influence dinner. Come celebrate!

HOBY Team Alumni

Last year's sophomore, John McDermott from Parkville HS, has been selected to return to work in the office. Also Neyla Kuhn, Patapsco HS, sponsored by the Dundalk Optimists and Marjorie Antonio (now a senior at Eastern) will join him.

Independence Day Celebration June 30

Come join our neighborhood fun! Food, music, fireworks! Rain date July 1. Raffle tickets to fund the event will be sold at the Safeway.