

# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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Mission Statement—By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.

#### **Next Membership Meetings**

April 6, Zoom 7pm. May 4, in person 7pm



# Stock Market Challenge Fundraiser

\$25 is a small investment in all the activities that our club provides. Thank you to the 151 entrants that are participating. It's not the 200 we wished for so the top prizes will be reduced as indicated on the form. Here's some of the stats that may interest you:

Entrants are mostly Optimists, family and friends, mostly MD but also 13 other states from FL to CA to MN to NH. We appreciate everyone of you!

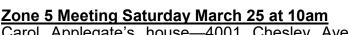
Most requested stock Tesla Motors = 34

Least requested stock Corning, Inc. = 4

Most expensive \$475.94 United Health Group

Least expensive \$5.79 Realogy Holdings

Midpoint results will be computed from market ending March 31. Results and checks will be out mid-April. Keep your fingers crossed you will be one of 5 money winners.



Carol Applegate's house—4001 Chesley Ave. Baltimore, 21206. Brunch provided. Please RSVP. Try out my new ramp to back deck. Park in church lot at Cedonia and Overlea.



#### **Optimist MDSD**

3rd Quarter is in Ocean City April 28-30 at the Carousel. Carol A will attend. The MDSD essay winner will be announced and we are routing for our club's entrant. There is a \$2500 scholarship award. Also, the MDSD Oratorical contest will be held. We did not have a contest this year, but Timonium and Cockeysville did. \$2500, \$1500 and \$1000 scholarships are awarded.

# **Essay Contest for Students**

"Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings out the Optimism in You?" **May 4** is our club's Essay dessert night. The top three essays (of 28) will be read by their authors and awards will be given. Their English Department Chair from Dulaney HS, Jason Bowman, will be present. The three students are Nathan Farlow, Ashlyn Hoffmann, and Charlotte Meyers. All are 16 years old. Thank you to Judges Maria Barata, Barbara Crain, and Nancy Neal. I hope you enjoyed the homemade cookies.

## **Ashby Shanks**

We hope you are recuperating from your surgery and will be well soon.

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**CLUB MEETINGS** 

First Thursday of the Month 7:00 PM Call to confirm.

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### **Carol Applegate**

Reverse replacement shoulder surgery March 6. That huge, padded sling is only slightly slowing her down. Staples out and PT to start soon.

#### **MDSD Hall of Fame**

Since 2016, MDSD have recognized outstanding Optimists. Many have come from our Zone such as Dick Price, Ken Bollinger, Jim Yates, Dennis Lane, and Mark Harris. Last year Bonnie Hitzelberger was recognized for her work in Annapolis and on the state level. Her grand-daughter, Emma, a HOBY alum was there to witness the event. Chair David Bowman is looking for nominations of 10 year Optimists with 5 years of service on the state level. driver21122@yahoo.com

# **Baltimore County public school redistricting**

<u>Central and Northeast Area Middle School Boundary</u> for more information. Carroll Manor Elementary will be affected.

Happy March & April Birthdays!

Nancy Neal 3/3 Hank Kolodner 3/29 Pam McCollum 4/25



"No man is good enough to govern another without that other's consent."

**Abraham Lincoln** 

#### Death of U.S. Army Col. Orville Hughes



On 3/16, a military honored, author passed. He was nearly 102 years old. Orville was held by German soldiers for 2 weeks at the end of WWII, commander of the 179th Tank Company at Heartbreak Ridge in the Korean War, and served as US Military Liaison in East Berlin. After 2 tours of duty at Fort Holabird, he retired in 1969. He encouraged public schools, churches, and communities to teach the true meaning of Memorial Day. As a Optimist, he led our Independence Day children's parade.

## <u>Tidbits March (Named for Roman God MARS) and April (Fertile one)</u>

March 14 PI Day 3.14 = ratio of circumference of a circle to its diameter

March 20 First Day of Spring 5:24 pm EDT. Ides of March 44 BC Julius Caesar assassinnated

March 20 International Day of Happiness "Be mindful, be grateful, be kind" Give a stranger a smile, a friend a phone call, a relative a hug.

March 25 Waffle day. Butter & syrup, whipped cream, or the newest craze—cream cheese & fruit. Have a great breakfast.

April 9 Easter

April 22 World Earth Day, first observed in 1970, 4/22 maximized number of students to help force issue of environment. There was NO

EPA, Clean Water Act, or Clean Air Act at the time.





