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# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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Friend of Youth

410-592-7067

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

## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Club/Board Meeting  
7:30 PM at Future Home

### Saturday, January 17, 2009

Optimist Bull & Oyster Roast  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Martins West 6817 Dogwood Rd.  
(1 Mile from I-695 off Security Blvd.)  
Tickets—\$45 Contact Dennis Lane for tickets

### Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Dinner Meeting  
6:15 PM at Future Home Annex  
Stock Market Challenge 2009  
Kickoff

### Saturday, January 31, 2009

Essay Contest Deadline

### Sunday, February 1, 2009

Super Bowl XLIII  
Tampa Bay, Florida

### Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Club/Board Meeting  
7:30 PM at Future Home

### Saturday, February 7, 2009

Second Quarter MDSD District  
Board Meeting/ Conference &  
2007-2008 Awards Luncheon  
Holiday Inn Select  
Solomons, Maryland  
Registration Deadline—01/06/09  
Registration Forms are on MDSD  
web site www.mdsdoptimist.org

### Saturday, February 28, 2009

Post Mark deadline for Stock  
Market Challenge 2009 Entries

### Monday, March 2, 2009

Stock Market Challenge 2009  
Begins



This is a short Jottings this time.  
Please check our website for updates on our Club projects.

## Stock Market Challenge 2009

The Stock Market Challenge (SMC) has been our Club's largest fund raiser for our youth and community service projects for many years and we are optimistic that it will do well in 2009.

Stock Market Challenge 2009 is under way and you are invited to participate. Entry forms have been mailed to over 400 people who have participated previously. If you sponsored someone in previous SMC's they are probably still in our data base and probably received an entry form.

The stock market has been quite challenging lately, and our country is going through some tough economic times, but with SMC 2009, as the value of the participants' SMC portfolios rises or falls, **they can not lose any more than the \$20 per entry they donate to the Club** to enter and they may actually be a winner if their portfolio earns the most or loses the least. **Either way, youth and our community benefit from the proceeds of SMC 2009**

**The postmark deadline for entries is Saturday, February 28,** and SMC 2009 will run from Mon., March 2 through Thurs. April 30.

You are invited to participate. Three entry forms are enclosed. If each member would personally participate and invite at least two other people, in addition to those sponsored in previous SMC's, to participate and support our youth and community activities, the project will be a success.

Additional SMC 2009 entry forms are available on our Club's web site—[www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org), or you can call the Club's phone number 410-592-7067 and request more forms and we'll get them out to you right away.

Thank you very much for your support.

## 2008-2009 Optimist International Scholarship Contests



**Essay Contest—The deadline for entries in our Club's contest was Saturday, January 31, 2009.**

**We received over 60 essays.** The participants wrote a 500 word essay on the topic "**The Power of Youth,**" following the guidelines provided by Optimist International. We are now in the

process of reviewing the entries and preparing them for judging. If you would like to assist with the process, please contact Dennis Lane at 410-592-2574 or [djalne@juno.com](mailto:djalne@juno.com).

**Oratorical Contest—Our Club contest will be on April 1, 2009,** followed by the Zone Contest later in April and the MDSD District Finals May 1-3, 2009, in Ocean City, Maryland. Each participant will speak for 4-5 minutes on the topic "**For Me, Optimism Is...**" **Entry deadline is March 11, 2009.**

To obtain an application and/or additional information about the oratorical contest visit [www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org](http://www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org) or call 410-592-7067.

