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

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club CALENDAR

Wed., February 29, 2012
Club Meeting—Essay Contest Awards, Speaker—Mr. Bobby Prigel. Followed by an Ice Cream Social featuring Prigel Ice Cream
7:15 PM at Future Home Annex

Tuesday, February 29, 2012
Postmark Deadline for SMC 2012 Entries

Thursday, March 1, 2012
SMC 2012 Begins

Tuesday, March 6, 2012
Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Saturday, March 10, 2012
Combined Zone 1 & 6 Meeting at Freedom District

Wednesday, March 14, 2012
GJOC Oratorical Contest at 6:45 PM St. James Academy

Saturday, March 17, 2012
MATHCOUNTS State Competition at Johns Hopkins University

Friday, March 30, 2012
SMC 2012 Midpoint

Tuesday, April 3, 2012
GJOC HOBY Winetasting Event



37th Annual Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration
Saturday, June 30, 2012

Club Meeting & Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

7:15 PM

Future Home Annex
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
Phoenix, MD 21131

Essay Contest Awards
Guest Speaker: Mr. Bobby Prigel,
Prigel Family Creamery
Everyone is invited!

Please RSVP to Dave Ward at
410-666-0086 or cwardward@aol.com by
Sunday Evening, February 26, 2012!



SMC 2012 Postmark Deadline
February 29, 2012



2012 GJOC Essay Contest Winners

GJOC received 39 essays on the topic, "How My Positive Outlook Affects My Community." The essays have been judged and the winners, all from Dulaney High School, are:

1. Amy Shapiro, Phoenix, MD
2. Maribeth Anderson, Phoenix, MD
3. Daniela Rice, Timonium, MD

The winners will be recognized at the GJOC Club meeting on February 29. The winning essay will be entered in the Maryland/South Delaware District Contest. The winner of the District Contest will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship.



Stock Market Challenge 2012

Thank you to everyone who has already entered Stock Market Challenge 2012, the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's largest fund raiser for youth and community service projects. Your support is appreciated.

Eighty-eight (88) entries had been received as the Jottings went to press. If you have not yet submitted your entry, you have until February 29, 2012, to do so. **SMC 2012 entry forms can be printed at www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org or you can call 410-592-7067 to request them.**



Optimist International Scholarship Oratorical Contest Greater Jacksonville Contest—March 14

The contest is open to youth under the age of 18, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent, as of December 31, 2011.

Participants will speak for 4-5 minutes on the topic "**How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles.**" GJOC's contest is on March 14, 2012, at St. James Academy; the Zone 6 Contest will follow; and the District Finals are April 27-29, 2012, in Ocean City. **Prizes:** District Level—1st Place Boy and Girl each receive a **\$2,500 scholarship.** More information is available at www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.

Visit GJOC's web site, www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org, for updated information on our Club's Activities.

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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS

First Tuesday of Each Month
7:30 PM at
FUTURE HOME
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
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**Club Youth and Community
Service Activities
are held throughout the year**

Jacksonville Jottings Editors
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Cure Childhood Cancer Campaign

The Optimist International Childhood Cancer Campaign was established in 2001 with a \$1,000,000 commitment to fund an Endowed Research Fellowship at Johns Hopkins to help make breakthrough discoveries in the fight against Childhood Cancer. The \$1 million commitment was met in 2009.

Optimist Clubs are still donating funds for research to help find a cure. The Optimist International Board of Directors voted at their December 2011 meeting to continue the partnership with Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology by making a \$500,000 commitment over the next five years.

Optimist Clubs in the United States will continue to sponsor a variety of projects to raise funds for the new Cure Childhood Cancer Campaign commitment with Johns Hopkins. Optimist Clubs in Canada will donate their funds to support Cancer Research projects in Canada.

Here in Maryland, Optimist Clubs, including GJOC, recycle aluminum cans to raise funds for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. David Bowman, a member of the Fort Smallwood Optimist Club works for a recycler and his boss has committed to pay Optimists the amount per pound that he receives when he sells the aluminum. Past Optimist International President Jim Hubbard, also a member of the Fort Smallwood Optimist Club, personally matches the amount we receive for the cans.

In January, GJOC recycled 345 pounds of cans for which the Club received \$224.24 which was donated to the Childhood Cancer Campaign. That amount was matched by Jim Hubbard bringing the total to \$448.48.

Please continue to save your cans and tabs to support the Childhood Cancer Campaign to help eliminate this disease. You can bring your cans to a club meeting or you can contact Dennis Lane (410-592-2574, 410-592-7067 or djlane@juno) to make other arrangements. Every can helps. Thank you very much!

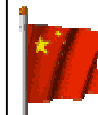
MATHCOUNTS

Thank you to all GJOC members who assisted at the Regional MathCounts completion in February. Over 170 middle school students participated in the competition.

The winners and top participants from the regional competitions around the state will participate in the State **MATHCOUNTS** competition at Johns Hopkins University on **Saturday, March 17, 2012.**

GJOC members are invited to assist at the State Competition where you will have the opportunity to help with registration, proctoring, and scoring.

Please contact Mike Borowitz (410-785-0410 or mborwit@jhmi.edu) to obtain the specific details for the event and to volunteer to participate.



Chinese Cultural Exchange Cultural

Thirty (38) students from China are being hosted by families from several Baltimore County High Schools including Dulaney, Hereford, Patapsco, Owings Mills, Perry Hall and Towson High schools.

The Cockeysville, Greater Jacksonville, Hereford, and Timonium Optimist Clubs are supporting the Cultural Exchange program.

Optimists are invited to attend a Baltimore Blast game with the students and their host families on Friday, March 2, 2012. Contact GJOC member **Fred Figlewski (410-785-1785 or ffiglewski@comcast.net)** to order tickets.

Optimists are also invited to a Farewell Party for the students on Tuesday evening, March 27 at Oregon Ridge.

Fred will post periodic updates about the program on the GJOC website, www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org, to keep everyone up to date on the Cultural Exchange program activities.

Happy Birthday

Dennis Coster — 02/12

Fran Betty — 02/15

Sue Gilmore — 02/16

Donald Bennett — 02/25



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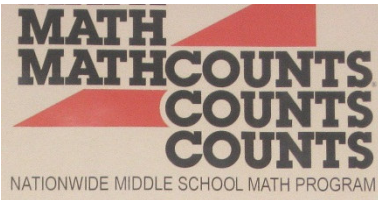
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GJOC in Action!

Another Load of Aluminum Cans!

GJOC Members Lyal Peyton and Dennis Lane took 345 lbs. of cans to the Recycler in January. The funds raised through recycling are donated to benefit the Optimist International Cure Childhood Cancer Campaign. Thank you to all who collect cans for the CCC. Please keep doing it!



GJOC members assisted at Math-Counts on Saturday, February 4 at Perry Hall Middle School. Members assisted with registration, proctored the tests, helped score the results, and even took pictures of the winners.



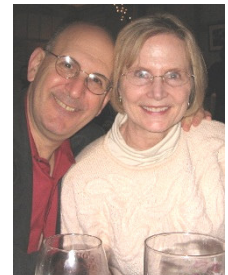
Bingo with the Children at St. Vincent's Villa February 11, 2012



GJOC Valentine Social February 11, 2012



GJOC members enjoyed dinner, wine tasting, music, dancing, and an overall fun evening at the DeJon Vineyard in Hydes, Maryland



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Towson University Optimist Club



TU Optimists' New Look! Libby Wallace, Sam Parry, and Carol Kamerosky model the club's new T-shirts designed by TU Optimist Brittany Moine.



TU Spring Involvement Fair. TU VP's Brittany Mione and Sam Parry, and Co-Advisor Ann Lane staffed the Club's table and invited students to join their Club.



Valentine Bingo at St. Vincent's Villa. Members of the TU and Greater Jacksonville Optimist Clubs hosted bingo for 60 kids at the Villa on February 11. The kids loved the bingo, snacks, and prizes and the Optimists really enjoyed working together providing the fun for the kids.



First Meeting of the Spring Semester. Several prospective members attended the meeting on Feb. 15 and learned what the Club has planned for the spring semester—including working with kids on the Oratorical Contest, Family Suppers at the Believe in Tomorrow House, and the Relay for Life.

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.**

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