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Friend of Youth

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August 31, 2008

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

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Student Involvement Fair at
Towson University 4:00 PM—6:00
PM TU Optimist Club will sponsor a
table to promote their Club

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Annual Crab Feast/Family Picnic
2:00 PM at Future Home Annex

Friday, September 19, 2008

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club,
Inc.'s 24th Anniversary

Saturday, September 20, 2008

The Friends of Villa Maria 8th
Annual Walk/Run for Kids Sake
8:00 AM Registration at Johnny
Unitas Stadium at Towson
University

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

Last Day of 2007-2008 Optimist
Year

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

First Day of 2008-2009 Optimist
Year

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Annual Villa Fair
Villa Maria School
Theme is the "Renaissance Fair"

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Saturday, November 8, 2008

Zone 9 Meeting
9:30 PM at Future Home Annex

Saturday, November 15, 2008

MDSD First Quarter District Board
Meeting & Conference
Hagerstown, Maryland

Family Crab Feast/Cookout

Saturday, September 13, 2008

2:00 PM till?

**Future Home Annex
12900 Jarrettsville Pike
Phoenix, MD 21131**

**Cost: \$25 for crab eaters
\$10 for non-crab eaters
(Children under 13 free)**

**"All the Fix-ins Supplied"
Fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, salads,
and desserts.**

**Please contact Dave Ward at
410-666-0086 or cwardward@aol.com
by September 7
to make your reservation!**



New Member Special!

Complete your membership
application and pay your new
member fee and 2008-2009
dues in full and your ticket to
the Family Crab Feast/
Cookout is **FREE!**

Fall Youth Activities



All members, families, and
friends are invited to participate
as a runner, a walker, a volun-
teer helper, and/or a sponsor in
the Walk/Run for Kids' Sake to
the benefit the Kids at Villa Maria
on **Saturday, September 20,
2008**, at Johnny Unitas Stadium
on the Towson University Cam-
pus.

Contact **Dennis Lane** (410-
592-2574, 410-592-7067, or
djlane@juno.com to volunteer to
assist at the Run and/or to obtain
an entry form and sponsor
packet.

We have also invited the TU
Optimist Club to participate.

Villa Fair at Villa Maria School

The Villa Fair is a fun activity for the students at
Villa Maria School and their families involving
games, craft activities, entertainment, and food is
scheduled for **Saturday morning, October 4,
2008.**

It is also a fun activity for those who volunteer to
assist with the activities at the fair. Many members
of our Club have volunteered at previous fair and
found it to be a very rewarding experience working
with the kids.

Carol Porcher is our Club's contact person for
the Villa Fair. If you would like to participate,
please contact Carol at 410-357-4717 or
carol.porcher@pnc.com.

**Scholarship Contests—Essay
Contest and Oratorical Contest**
See Page 4 for details

Annual Youth Appreciation
See Page 4 for details

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

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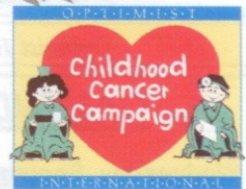
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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS

First Wed. of Each Month
7:30 PM at
FUTURE HOME
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The Month That Was - August 2008



↑ Bob Rigger and Dennis Lane transported 160 lbs. of aluminum to the Recycle Center on Aug. 13.

Please keep saving cans, tabs, and scrap aluminum to benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign.



← Zone 9 recycled over 2000 lbs. of aluminum during the past year which afforded Carol Dunstan (Lt. Governor Designate for Zone 9) the privilege of hitting MDSD Gov. Tom Parran III with a pie at the 2008 District Convention in Dover, Delaware on Sat. Aug. 16.

Other Doings at the District Convention in Dover

On Friday evening, Aug. 15 party goers dressed as they did in the 1950's to celebrate the Maryland South Delaware District's 50th Anniversary. L. to R.—The Righters wore their Patterson High School letter sweaters while the Prices dressed as they did in the 50's—Mickey in curlers and pregnant, Dick in a tee shirt and dungarees.

Note: Timonium's Mickey Price was elected MDSD Governor-Elect for 2008-2009 and Governor 2009-2010.



→ The 2008-09 MDSD District officers were sworn in at the Convention. L. to R.—Governor Tom Parran III gives Governor-Designate Dan Hitzelberger his Governor's pin. At right: Our very own Carol Dunstan is sworn in as Lt. Governor Designate for Zone 9 with Robin Myers (Zone 2 Lt. Gov.) and Rick Van Emburgh (Zone 4 Lt. Governor. Designate).



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MORE--August 2008

Poker Run A Success



Wow, what a beautiful day we had on Saturday, August 23 for the Poker Run. Over 35 participants drove the 75 mile course through Northern Baltimore County into Pennsylvania and back to Maryland Line. All told the four Optimist Clubs who sponsored the event—Cockeysville, Hereford, Greater Jacksonville, and Timonium—raised approximately \$1,500 from participant registrations, raffles, and donations to benefit the big **SHOP WITH A COP PROJECT** that our Clubs will sponsor in December. We plan to have enough money for 100 kids to have \$100 each to go shopping.



←Mary Lu Hartley and Carol Porcher helped Dick Fry greet Poker Run participants at Cherry's Inn. Dink and Bob Rigger→ won the Third Place Poker Hand at the big event to benefit the Shop with A Cop Project! ↓ Dennis Lane, Carol Porcher, and Barbara Crain check out one of the many items raffled off at the event.



BOORDY *Sun, Vine, Soil, & Soul*



Jacksonville Optimist Club members, families, and friends enjoyed a fun evening of music, food, wine, dancing, and fellowship at Boordy Vineyards on Saturday, August 31.

The "Mood Swings" orchestra performed a wide range of music including big band, country, rock, soul, and blues.



Member Chad Casserly and wife Kathy were also among the group at Boordy's.

Member Nancy Neal drove up from Ocean City to spend the weekend with her daughter, Club Treasurer, Pam McCollum and joined the fun at Boordy's.



Members (l. to r.) Dick Fry, David Babcock, Larry Daniels, Mike Borowitz, and Dave Ward took some time out from listening to music for some serious discussion.

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2008-2009 Optimist International Scholarship Contests



Essay Contest—Open to all youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2008. Prizes: District winner—\$650 scholarship; Optimist International winners—1st \$6,000, 2nd \$3,750, and 3rd \$2,250 scholarships.

Our Club's **deadline for entries is Saturday, January 31, 2009.**

Each participant will write a 500 word essay on the topic **"The Power of Youth,"** following the guidelines provided by Optimist International. Applications and information about the contest will be posted on our Club's web site in early September.



Oratorical Contest—Open to all youth under the age of 16 as of December 31, 2008. Prizes: District Level—1st Place Boy and Girl each receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Each participant will speak for 4-5 minutes on the topic **"For Me, Optimism Is..."** Our Club contest will be in

March, 2009, and the Zone Contest will be in April followed by the District Finals will in May in Ocean City.

Applications and information will be posted on our Club's web site in early September.

Towson University Optimist Club

The Towson University Optimist Club members are currently returning to campus and will begin classes on Tuesday, September 2. We've been in contact with several of them and plans are underway for their participation in the TU Fall Involvement Fair from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 10, 2008.

They are also working on their Club meeting schedule and as soon as they have it in place we will publish it. They have been invited to participate in the Villa Maria activities.

Happy Anniversary

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club - 09/19
Towson University Optimist Club - 09/27

Happy Birthday

Mary Lu Hartley - 09/12
Oscar Schapiro - 09/14
Barbara Crain - 09/18
Adrienne Bayle - 09/29



Youth Appreciation

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc. has been sponsoring a Youth Appreciation program that recognizes local youth for their efforts in the arts, athletics, academics and community service work since 1984, by hosting an annual dinner honoring local high school juniors and seniors who have been nominated by the leaders of area schools and churches, Optimist Club members, and the general public.

Youth Appreciation nomination forms will be mailed to local schools and churches inviting them to nominate students and will also be available on our Club's web site.

If you would like to nominate a student for a Youth Appreciation award, please contact **Dave Ward at 410-666-0086** or cdauidward@aol.com to obtain a nomination form.

**Congratulations to GJOC Member
Carol Applegate
on being named the 2007
HOBY volunteer of the year!**

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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