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

CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Orioles Baseball Game with the Chinese Exchange Students

Wednesday, April 2 & Thursday, April 3, 2008

SMC 2008 Midpoint Results mailed to participants

Saturday, April 5, 2008

Farewell Party for the Chinese Exchange Students
2:00 PM—6:00 PM
Future Home Annex

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Oratorical Contest
6:45 PM
St. James Adademy in Monkton

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Zone 9 Oratorical Contest Hosted by GJOC at St. John's Lutheran on Sweet Air Rd.

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

SMC 2008 Ends

Independence Day Planning Meeting—6:30 PM at Future Home Annex

Friday, Saturday, Sunday May 2-4, 2008

Third Quarter District Board Meeting/Conference & 2007-2008 District Oratorical Finals
Carousel Resort, Ocean City, MD

Registration forms are available at www.mdsdoptimist.org.

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Dinner Meeting
Details to be announced

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home



Farewell Party for the Chinese Exchange Students

Saturday, April 5, 2008
2:00 PM—6:00 PM
Future Home Annex



It's hard to believe, that the twelve students and two teachers from First Railway High School in Xi'an have been here for almost two months and will be leaving here on Sunday, April 6, 2008. They have been involved in variety of activities including—attending school at Dulaney High School; field trips to Williamsburg and New York City; working on a house with Habitat for Humanity; visiting and working with students at a local elementary school; a tour of Future Home; and two activities sponsored by our Club—Extreme Bowling and attending an Orioles Baseball game. They may have brought good luck to the Orioles, because the Orioles beat Tampa Bay, 9-6.

Our Club, along with Cockeysville and Timonium Optimist Clubs, is hosting a Farewell Party for the Chinese students, their teachers, and their host families from 4:00 PM—6:00 PM at the Future Home Annex (The Barn) on Saturday, April 5. It will be a fun afternoon including food and games and an opportunity for our visitors to experience a real American family get together and for us to meet the visitors.

All GJOC members are invited to participate. We will be setting up beginning at 10:00 AM and help is needed to put up tents, set up tables and chairs, etc. We'll also need assistance with parking before the party, serving food during the party, and clean up after the party. Our Club is responsible for providing the salads and vegetables.

Please contact Dave Ward at 410-666-0086 or cdauidward@aol.com to let him know you would like to participate.



Oratorical Contest
Tuesday, April 8, 2008
6:45 PM
St. James Academy

All members and guests are invited to attend our annual Oratorical Contest and hear what our young people have to say about the topic, "Why Me? Why Not?" We will have both a boys contest and a girls contest in two locations in the school and then everyone will get together for a dessert social and awards presentation.

Our first place winners will compete with the winners of the Cockeysville, Hereford, Timonium, Towson University, and Woodlawn/Gwynn Oaks Optimist Clubs' contests at the Zone 9 contest which we are hosting on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at St. Johns on Sweet Air Road. The Zone 9 winners will compete with the winners from the other seven Zones in the Maryland/South Delaware District for a \$1,500 Scholarship.

Please contact Dennis Lane at 410-592-2574, 410-592-7067, or djlane@juno.com if you plan to attend and/or can assist with the contest—greeter, timekeeper, door guard, provide & serve desserts, etc.

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

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Stock Market Challenge 2008 Begins Second Month

We have 321 entries in Stock Market Challenge 2008, our Club's largest fundraiser for community and youth projects. SMC 2008 began on March 1, 2008 and runs through April 30, 2008. Each participant has a portfolio of five stocks, selected from a list of 53 stocks, with a beginning portfolio value of \$10,000.

On April 1, 2008, the portfolios were ranked based on the March 31 closing prices and prizes were awarded to the participants who had the top 10 portfolios and to the participant who had the last place portfolio. We'll be following the portfolios for the month of April and the final prizes will be awarded based on the April 30, 2008, closing prices. Thank you to everyone who is participating in SMC 2008. Your support is appreciated.



Maryland MATHCOUNTS State Competition

Wow! The middle school students in the Maryland State MATHCOUNTS competition held on **Saturday, March 8, 2008, at Johns Hopkins University** really knew their math.

They had a 40 minute Sprint Round in which they individually completed problems without calculators; a 24 minute individual Target Round involving solving four pairs of questions with six minutes per pair with calculators permitted; and a 20 minute Team round where they could work together with team members to solve the problems. In the afternoon the top 16 students competed in a Count-down Round.

The top four students in Maryland's competition now move on to the National Competition in Denver, Colorado.

Thank you to Joel Oppenheimer, PE, MATHCOUNTS MD State Coordinator for inviting our Club to participate and to **Mike Borowitz** for chairing our Club's participation in the project and to **Jeff Borowitz, Barbara Crain, Carol Dunstan, Sue Gilmore, Mary Lu Hartley, Dennis Lane, and Carol Porcher** for participating.



The Motherly Care Children's Home In Kenya

A special thank you goes out to **member Ret. Col. Orville Hughes and guest Linda Wilson** (pictured with GJOC President Barbara Crain) who spoke at our February dinner meeting sharing information about their visit to the Motherly Care Children's Home in Kenya (MCCH).

MCCH is a non profit organization dedicated to providing a loving home to the many orphaned children in Kenya. They strive to rescue children who have been displaced, abandoned or orphaned as a result of HIV/Aids or physical or sexual abuse.

MCCH's goal is to meet the physical, mental and spiritual needs of every child such as providing porridge for a daily meal, helping build classrooms or sanitation facilities, sponsoring children's school expenses and meeting basic medical needs.

Orville and Linda shared pictures from their visit and told us about donating uniforms for the children and a freezer for the school.

Several members gave them donations and our Club sent a check for their support.



Aluminum Cans and Tabs Add Up for the Kids!

Since April, 2004, the Maryland South Delaware District of Optimist International has recycled **15,428.1 pounds of aluminum cans, tabs, and other aluminum** which raised **\$18,043.10** for the **Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign**. Please

continue to save your cans to help the kids and please ask others to save cans for you. You may bring the cans to any Optimist meeting or drop them off at Dennis and Ann Lane's house. **Every can and tab counts! Thank you!**

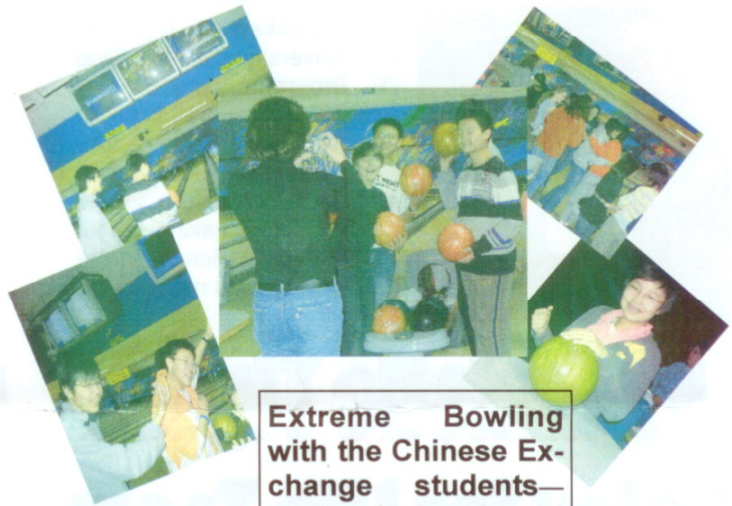
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GJOC in Action



Family Supper at the Children's House at Johns Hopkins—Dink Rigger cooked the meal and GJOC members **Ann** and **Dennis Lane** and **Bob Rigger** served it along with **Dara Debus**, VP Public Relations of the Towson University Optimist Club.



Extreme Bowling with the Chinese Exchange students—bowling, food, soda, and friendship!



Bingo at Villa Maria—Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club members and Towson University Optimist Club members worked together as a team to provide bingo for about 50 kids at the Villa Maria School. Everyone had a super time! As the Villa Maria kids said—**Optimists Rock!**



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Towson University Optimist Club



Janna Zuckerman (l.), Towson University Optimist Club VP Programs, presents a certificate of appreciation to Mary Lee Scaarbach, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Villa Maria Continuum, thanking her for speaking about the Villa Maria School at the TU Optimist Club meeting

Optimistic Tigers Relay for Life Team



The Towson University Optimist Club members are participating in Towson University's first ever American Cancer Society Relay for Life from 7:00 PM on April 4—7:00 AM on April 5, 2008.

The Optimistic Tigers Relay for Life team is made up of members and friends of the Towson University Optimist Club. As of today, April 3, they currently lead all student Clubs on campus with total donations of \$4,533.00.

You can visit their team's web site at:
http://main.acsevents.org/site/TRC/RelayForLife/RelayForLifeSouthAtlanticDivision?fr_id=9318&pg=center

Oratorical Contest—The Towson University Club will be holding their first ever Oratorical Contest at **6:30 PM on Thursday, April 17, 2008, in the Chesapeake Room in the University Union.** All Optimists and guests are invited to attend. We hope to see you there.

Happy Birthday
Hans Jonsson—04/16
Tom McGrath—04/18
Partee Boliek—04/20

Happy Anniversary
Tom & Carollee McGrath—
04/25



Mark Your Calendar Now!

Independence Day Celebration

June 28, 2008

**Next planning meeting is
at 6:30 PM**

on

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

at

Future Home Annex!

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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