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Friend of Youth

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www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org

September 10, 2009

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009

**Villa Maria Walk/Run
Unitas Stadium at Towson
State University**

8:00 AM Check-in & Registration
9:00 AM Warm-up
9:15 AM 5k Walk/Run Start
Post Event Celebration & Awards

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009

**Club's 25th Anniversary
Celebration**

6:00 PM—10:00 PM
Ashland Café Catering Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009

Club/Board Meeting

7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009

Club Dinner Meeting

6:30 PM
Future Home
Program—The new Sweet Air
Park and Community Center

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009

Villa Maria Fair

Villa Maria on Dulaney Valley
Rd. Fun & Games with the kids
Halloween theme

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009

Club/Board Meeting

7:30 PM at Future Home

**Fri. Evening/Sat, Nov. 13-14,
2009**

**Maryland/South Delaware
District Board Meeting/
Conference**

Plaza Hotel--Hagerstown, MD

Youth Appreciation Dinner

November date and location to
be announced soon

25 Years

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc.,
will celebrate 25 years of service to youth and the Greater Jacksonville community

on
Saturday, September 26, 2009

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Ashland Cafe Catering Hall

10810 York Rd.

Cockeysville, MD 21030

Buffet Style Dinner at 7:00 PM featuring:

House Salad

Beef Burgundy, Chicken Cordon Blue, & Shrimp Scampi

Green Beans, Red Skin Potatoes, Rolls

Assorted Cheese Cakes

Coffee & Tea

Cash Bar

Entertainment by THE DR. NEDLIJ CURE

Price: \$35.00 Per Person

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 15, 2009, to:

Pam McCollum, Treasurer, Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, 493 Copeland Rd.,
Fallston, MD 21047

Please make checks payable to the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc. or GJOC
If you need additional information please call 410-592-7067.



You are invited to join
the fun at the Walk/Run
for Kids' Sake which sup-
ports the programs of the
Villa Maria Continuum on
**Sunday morning, Sep-
tember 20, 2009**, at the Johnny Unitas
Stadium at Towson University.

We have worked with the kids at Villa
Maria for many years and this is another
way to support their program.

You may register ahead of time at
<http://villamariacontinuum.org/walk/run/> or
you may register the day of the event.

We look forward to having a group of
Greater Jacksonville Optimists and friends
participate in the walk/run.

If you plan to participate please contact
**Dennis Lane at 410-592-2574 or
djlane@juno.com** to be added to the
GJOC team.



Optimist International Scholarship Essay Contest—

Who: Youth under the age of 19 as of
December 31, 2009.

What: 500 word essay on "The Inter-
net: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's
Menace?" following the guidelines pro-
vided by Optimist International.

Prizes: District winner—**\$2,500 schol-
arship**; Optimist International winners—
1st \$6,000, 2nd \$3,750, and 3rd \$2,250
scholarships.

Rules & Entry Form: On our website at
www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org.

Deadline: January 23, 2010.

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

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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS
First Wed. of Each Month
7:30 PM at
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Optimist International Scholarship Oratorical Contest—

Who: Youth under the age of 16 as of December 31, 2009.

What: Each participant will speak for 4-5 minutes on the topic "**Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem.**"

Prizes: District Level—1st Place Boy and Girl each receive a **\$2,500 scholarship.**

When: Our Club contest will be in March or early April, 2009; the Zone Contest will be in April; and the District Finals will be in May in Ocean City.

Rules & Entry Form: Applications and rules will be posted on our Club's web site.

2009-2010 Officer Election Results

The following officers and directors were elected for the October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2009, Optimist year at the Club Planning meeting on August 19, 2009:

President — Barbara Crain
Secretary — Mike Borowitz
Treasurer — Pam McCollum
External Vice President — Carol Porcher
Internal Vice President— Available
Directors: Carol Applegate
Adam Drescher
Fred Figlewski
Dennis Lane
Dave Ward

The position of Internal Vice President is currently still available. If interested in being the IVP please contact President Barbara Crain at 410-785-0410 or bcrain@jhmi.edu.

What do you think?

Members of the Board of Directors will be calling all members to ask for input on our club's meetings, youth activities, community activities, fund raising, etc.

Do you have ideas for speakers at meetings, new youth and community activities? Please let us know.

Our club needs another fund raiser to support our activities. Do you have a new idea?



Now is the Time to Recognize Outstanding Youth

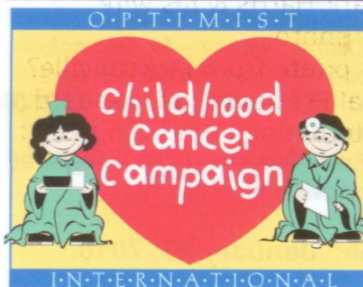
Nominations will soon be accepted for the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's 2009-2010 Outstanding Youth Awards which recognize youth for their efforts in the arts, athletics, academics, and community service. You are invited to **nominate high school juniors or seniors from the Greater Jacksonville area for these awards.** The youth will be recognized at a dinner in November.

Nomination forms will be available on the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club's web site—www.jacksonvilleoptimists.org. **The deadline for nominations is Saturday, Saturday, October 31, 2009.**

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Youth Appreciation Program, please contact **Dave Ward at 410-666-0086 or cdauidward@aol.com.**

Save Your Cans for the Kids!

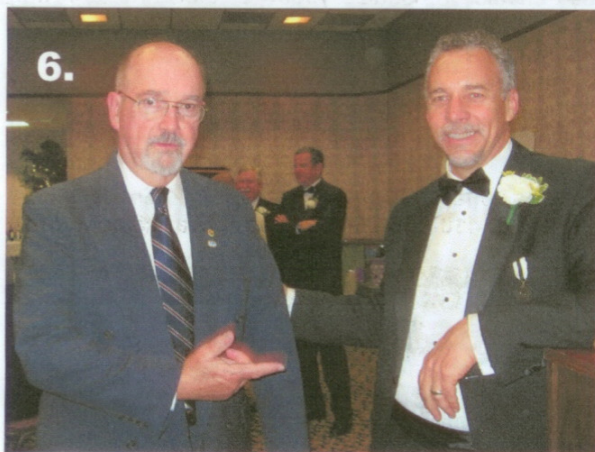
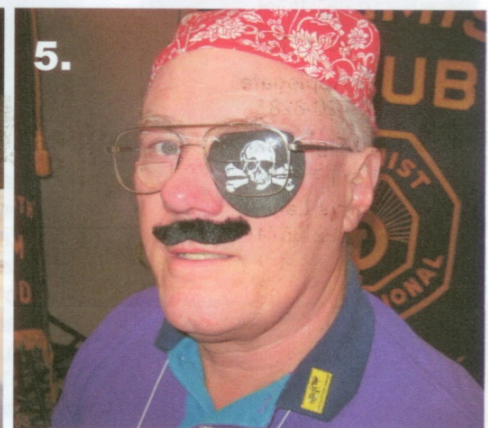
Bob Rigger and Dennis Lane are show with our club's latest load of cans. This summer we recycled almost 500 pounds of cans raising over \$400 for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Thank you everyone!



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Looking Back--

Maryland/South Delaware District Convention in Cumberland, MD



1. Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club President Barbara Crain & Mike Borowitz, enjoy the festivities.
2. MDSD Gov.-Elect Mickey & Dick Price, Timonium, all dressed up for the Western night.
3. Governor Dan Hitzelberger took a pie in the face from Zone 9 for collecting 1,000+ pounds of cans for recycling to benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign.
4. Zone 9's Lt. Gov.-Elect Mark Harris & his wife, Fran, Timonium, stop for photo.
5. A past OI IVP! Who is this pirate from Jacksonville?
6. Past Optimist International President Jim Hubbard gives visiting Optimist International President-Elect some pointers.

Together Everyone Achieves More!

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TU Optimist Club

The TU Optimists have returned to campus and were hard at work recruiting new members at the campus Involvement Fair held on September 9.

Pictured at left are Ashleigh Nessel (peeking around the display), Pres.-Elect Jessica Ross (seated), and Treasurer Christie Stutzel and member Claire Whipple standing.

Poker Run--Zone 9



The weather forecast for the day was not good, but some motorcyclists showed up on August 29 for our annual Poker Run to benefit the Shop with a Cop project sponsored by the Cocksylvie, Greater Jacksonville, Hereford, and Timonium Optimist Clubs.

Thank to you to everyone who assisted with the event. Next year's run will be on Aug. 28, 2010.

Above: **Mary Lu Hartley** chats with one of the participants. Left, **Dick and Linda Frye** wait for the winning numbers in the silent auction and 50/50 raffle.

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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Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary

- Oscar & Norma - 10/04
- Carol & Pat Applegate - 10/05



Share your Optimism with others. Invite a guest to a GJOC activity!

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