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July 18, 2009

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

CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Club Dinner Meeting
6:30 PM at Future Home Annex
Program—Presentation by
David Slomkowski from
Athletes Serving Athletes

Sunday, August 2, 2009

Summer Social—Concert at
Ladew Topiary Gardens
6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Friday, August 14-Sunday, August 16, 2009

Maryland/South Delaware
District Convention & Fourth
Quarter Board Meeting
Holiday Inn, Cumberland, MD

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Club Dinner Meeting
6:30 PM at Future Home Annex
Program—Planning Meeting for
2009-2010 Optimist Year

Saturday, August 29, 2009

Annual Poker Run for **Shop With a
Cop Poker Run**—Registration
11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Pioneer
Pub, 17417 York Rd., Parkton, Md.

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009

Club/Board Meeting
7:30 PM at Future Home

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009

Towson University
Student Involvement Fair
4:00 PM—6:00 PM on
Burdick Field

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009

Villa Maria Walk/Run
Unitas Stadium at Towson
State University

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009

**Club's 25th Anniversary
Celebration**—Time &
Location to be announced soon

Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

6:30 PM

Future Home Annex (The Barn)

12900 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix, MD 21131

Guest Speaker—David Slomkowski- President and Founding Board Member of
Athletes Serving Athletes

Mr. Slomkowski's passion for sport and competition, and his desire to give back to the
community led to the development of the concept for **Athletes Serving Athletes**
(ASA). ASA's mission is to provide the opportunity for challenged athletes to pursue
an active lifestyle by experiencing the thrill of athletic competition otherwise inaccessi-
ble to them.

Please call 410-592-7067 or send an e-mail message to cdauidward@aol.com
by Tuesday, July 21 to let us know you plan to attend.

Guests are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Summer Social

Sunday Evening, August 2, 2009

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Ladew Topiary Gardens

3535 Jarrettsville Pike, Monkton, MD 21111

Concert featuring Deanna Bogart (Blues/Piano-Boogie)

This Maryland-based blues pianist/saxophonist combines the energy of boogie piano
with contemporary blues. To learn more visit www.deannabogart.com.

Tickets are available at the gate

Adults \$15, Seniors (62) and Students \$13, Children (12 & Under) \$3

Bring your blanket/chair and a picnic

Concert Admission includes visiting the gardens so plan to arrive early

No reservations needed. Just show up and look for the Optimist banner and enjoy a
fun, entertaining, & relaxing evening. Everyone is welcome!

Maryland/South Delaware District Convention & Fourth Quarter Board Meeting

Friday, August 14 - Sunday, August 16, 2009

Holiday Inn in Cumberland, Maryland

Join the fun with Optimists from other Optimist Clubs throughout the MDSD District of
Optimist International

Friday Evening—Theme Dinner—Western Frontier Bar-be-cue

Saturday—Recognition Breakfast; Fourth Quarter Board Meeting; Convention Busi-
ness Session; Club President, Secretary, & Treasurer Training; Silent Auction for
Childhood Cancer Campaign; & Governor's Installation Banquet

Sunday Morning—Continental Breakfast, Memorial Service, & Closing Business Session

**Optimist International 2009-2010 President—Elect Danny Rodgers will be our
District's special guest at the convention.**

Information was mailed to all members in the MDSD District News and is on the MDSD web
site—www.mdsdoptimist.org. Hotel Res. Deadline is 07/20 & Conv. Reg. Deadline is 08/07.

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

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CLUB/BOARD MEETINGS
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34th Annual Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 34th Annual Jacksonville Independence Day Celebration a wonderful celebration of our country's 233rd birthday.

Some pictures of the activities are included in this newsletter and additional pictures are posted on our club's web site.



Golf Balls Against Childhood Cancer Golf Ball Drop

Thank you to everyone who sponsored golf balls in our 6th Annual Golf Ball Drop. The drop which was held before the fireworks on Saturday, June 27, 2009, raised \$1,000 for the Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign to support the research project at Johns Hopkins.

A very special thank you goes out to **Bill Morales of Alpine Tree Experts for once again supplying the crane and to Mike Connell for doing the actual drop.** The main question of the night, was, "How many Optimists does it take to drop a bucket of golf balls?"

Mr. Steve Klecka of Phoenix, MD, the sponsor of ball # 24, which was the closest to the hole, won the \$500 prize.

We'll do it again in 2010!



**Sunday, September 20, 2009
Johnny Unitas Stadium
Towson University**

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to join the fun and participate in the 9th Annual Walk Run for Kids' Sake.

You can walk or run the 5k at TU as you support the Villa Maria Continuum which for almost 50 years has brought hope to thousands of children, adults, and families struggling with mental and behavior health problems.

Several GJOC members participated last year along with some of the TU Optimist Club members. It would be fun to get a GJOC team together for this year's Walk/Run. As soon as we have the specific time and more details about the event we will get the information out to everyone.



Optimist International Scholarship Contest Prizes Increased for 2009-2010



Essay Contest—Open to all youth under the age of 19 as of December 31, 2009. Prizes: District winner—**\$2,500 scholarship**; Optimist International winners—1st \$6,000, 2nd \$3,750, and 3rd \$2,250 scholarships. Our Club's **deadline for entries is Saturday, January 23, 2010.**

Each participant will write a 500 word essay on the topic "**The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?**" following the guidelines provided by Optimist International.

Oratorical Contest—Open to all youth under the age of 16 as of December 31, 2009. Prizes: District Level—1st Place Boy and Girl each receive a **\$2,500 scholarship.**

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

Applications and additional information about both contests will be posted on our Club's web site.



Save Your Cans for the Kids!

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

Looking Back--June 27, 2009



Together Everyone Achieves More!

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Annual Optimist Shop-with-a-Cop Poker Run

Benefiting Underprivileged Children at Christmas



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Special thanks
to:

Pioneer Pub
Village Inn Tavern
Cherry's Inn
Valley Tavern (Pa.)
Maryland Line Inn

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2009
RAIN OR SHINE

Registration: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Drawings and Raffle: 5:00 PM

Start/Finish: Pioneer Pub (17417 York Rd.)

Cost: \$20 Driver / \$5 per Passenger

Motorcycles and Cars Welcome!

Call: 410-252-1501

All members, relatives, and friends are invited to participate in the Poker Run to raise funds for our Shop-with-a-Cop project. Please contact **President Barbara Crain** (410-785-0410 or bcrain@jhmi.edu) for information on how you can assist with the Poker Run. Please share the information about the Poker Run with anyone whom you feel would be interested in participating in the Poker Run or interested in donating a prize for the raffle.

TU Optimist Club

We're looking forward to the return of the TU Optimist Club members to campus in late August. The TU Fall Involvement Fair is on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, from 4:00 PM—6:00 PM.

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

Stephanie Maskovyak - 07/23
Bob Cook - 07/28
Dave Storf - 08/09
Bob Pearce - 08/21
Larry Daniels - 08/27
Carol Porcher - 08/28

Happy Anniversary

Adam & Nancy Drescher - 08/02
Fran & Tom Betty - 08/23
Fred & Laura Figlewski - 08/25



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

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Important!

Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc. Leadership Opportunities Available

We are now accepting nominations for Officers and Directors for the
October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010 Optimist Year.

Positions available are:

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Internal Vice President

External Vice President

Director (6)

This is an opportunity for involvement in the leadership of our Club as we move into our 26th year. All members who have paid their 2008-2009 dues are eligible to run for office.

Please contact President Barbara Crain (410-785-0410 or bcrain@jhmi.edu) if you would like more information about these positions or if you would like to be a candidate for one of these positions.

Current officers and directors may run for their present position or may run for a different position.

The Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, Inc.
THANKS YOU—the community and businesses in our area—
for your outstanding support of Jacksonville's 34th Annual Independence Day
Celebration on June 27, 2009



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Thank you to Jacksonville's Safeway and Rite Aid for allowing us to promote the Celebration at their stores and giving everyone the opportunity to make donations and/or purchase raffle tickets. Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased tickets to support the celebration.

Others Who Assisted

Alpine Tree Experts, Inc.; Apple John; Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks; Baltimore County Police Department; Bike & Pet Parade Judges; Fireworks Production, Inc.; Greystone Golf Course; Jacksonville Elementary School and the Jacksonville Elementary PTA; Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company; Phil Mearig—Convertible; Magician Jim Righter; PNC Bank; the North County News; the Satyr Hill Band; Singers; Ray Thomas—Patriotic Jeep; Vendors; and everyone else who assisted in any way.

Prize Winners

Donation Raffle: Mr. Charles Askine of Baldwin won the \$500 prize.

Golf Balls Against Childhood Cancer: Mr. Steve Klecka of Phoenix (Ball #24), won the \$500 prize.

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