

# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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

## Stock Market Challenge (SMC)

This is our #2 annual project (after Independence Day, of course). It supplies funds for our youth activities. Entries are \$20 each with 16 winners from \$600 to \$10. If you sell the SMC to 3 **new** people, you receive a free entry. So ask your friends to help!



# Club Zoom Meetings are the first Thursday of the month

Join us at 7:30 pm for club updates and sharing. All are invited!

# Shop with a Cop Christmas Project

100 Baltimore County needy children were given a happier Christmas. Baltimore County Police shopped with Walmart \$100 gift cards. Officers wrapped the presents and delivered them to families. We donated \$1,000 toward this county-wide Optimist 5 club project.







#### Optimist Essay Contest

Carol Applegate is chairing our annual essay for students under 19 years of age. "Reaching your Dreams by Choosing Optimism" is the International title and 700 to 800 is the word limit.



#### **Dave Ward**

As many of you know, David left the confines of his wheelchair to pass to a better place last winter. We miss him and his endeavors to spread cheer and make our lives better.

## **Fireworks**

Last year COVID canceled hosting the Independence Day Celebration but we are hoping to do so in 2021. We will keep you aware of the plans.



#### St. Vincent Villa

12 string bags were packed for 11-13 year old boys with hats, socks, t-shirts, Rice Krispy Treats, chips, art projects, crayons, colored pens and pencils, word search books, puzzles, pen, flashlight, toothbrush, coloring and reading books. Thank you members for supplying the goodies.

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The leadership seminar for high school sophomores will be virtual in June due to the continuing COVID threat.