



# JACKSONVILLE JOTTINGS

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*Mission Statement—By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.*

## Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

### Happy December Birthdays!

Mike Borowitz 12/9  
Ashby Shanks 12/30



### Upcoming Calendar Dates

NO Club Meeting in January

Next club meeting Thursday February 6 at 7 pm, Zoom

Fireworks Zoom Monday 2/10 at 8 pm



We are nearly full...250 sophomore students from across Maryland recruited already for the June seminar at Towson University!

### Essays

Two essays have been submitted already. Dulany HS will send us their essays near the end of January. Get ready to judge and hear the top three at our in person meeting on Thursday, April 3. "How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success"

### News from Maria Barata

Maria has moved to a new home. She can be reached at H443-242-7366 or M443-801-6771. 1305 Blake Wood Court, Dundalk, MD 21222-2868.

Her Mom, Cecilia Barata, passed on November 21. Her visitation on Wednesday December 18 from 6-9pm is at Parkview Funeral Home, 7527 Harford Rd in Parkville. Cecilia was 95 and resided with Maria in Reisterstown. A Mass will be celebrated the next day at 10 am in Sacred Heart Church, Glyndon.

Maria, we are sorry for your loss. May happy memories of your Mom bring you comfort. We pray that as months and years pass, you find peace in the beautiful memories you created as a family.



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### CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday  
of the Month

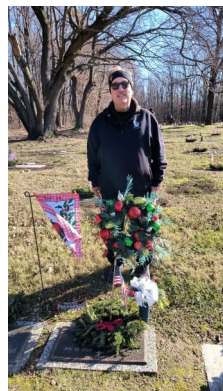
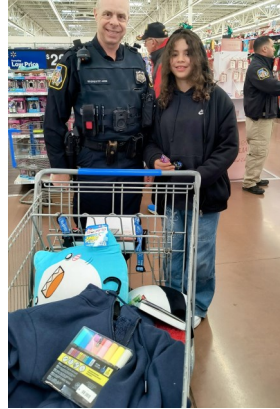
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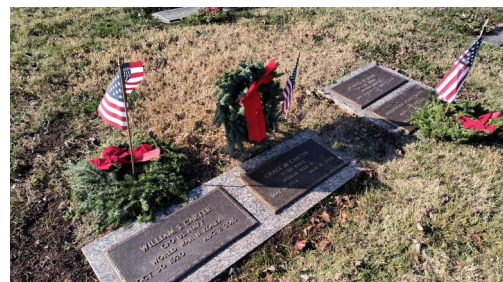
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**St. John's**  
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**3911 Sweet**  
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Shop With A Cop December 14 with all five Optimist Clubs—Jacksonville, Cockeysville, Hereford, Loch Raven, Timonium—raise \$12,000+ to serve 100 children. Baltimore County police pick up the kids, escort them to Walmart Cockeysville and help them spend \$120 each for themselves and their families. Mission BBQ gives them breakfast and Arrow Children's Services offer hot chocolate and gift wrapping. You should see the children's eyes light up when you give them \$120 cash to spend!. They are so thankful. The smiles are well worth the fundraising. Thank you to ALL who donated funds and time. Adam and Carol held our club banner to cheer on the children. Jacksonville donated \$1,200.



Wreaths Across America was noon on December 14. We donated to Dulaney. Carol attended Parkwood Cemetery which was sponsored by the Loch Raven Optimist Club





## Lyal Peyton

We were saddened to hear of Lyal Peyton's passing in November. He was one of the original (charter) members of our club that was begun in September 1984. He served as Club president in addition to many other positions. He was also a Life Member of Optimist International. He recently celebrated his 40 year of membership. He is remembered at countless projects and fundraisers.

Lyal was both an engineer and a craftsman. During World War II, he performed electrical maintenance on planes and equipment. Later he worked for a mechanical company, Heat and Power Inc. until early retirement.

Lyal and Carol bought land on Monkton Road on which he built their house. Carol and Lyal raised three children, daughter Kimberly, deceased, and two sons Lyal IV and Mark.

Lyal was very active at their church, Monkton Methodist Church. He was instrumental in the church starting a Daycare which continues today. In addition, he was the superintendent of the school for many years. Lyal was also the handyman at the church spending countless hours installing upgrades, repairs and maintenance.

He was not only a handyman but also a craftsman. He constructed a wood-working shop in his garage and built beautiful pieces of furniture. Lyal was also a Mason Shriner in the Baltimore Lodge for many years. He was an avid gardener and his favorites cover the yard. All types and colors of lilies brighten their home.

Lyal will be sorely missed by all who knew him. In these moments, when there are no more words, know that the ones we love remain beside us, now and always.

With deep sympathy from the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club, please know that we are thinking of you, Carol and family. A check was sent to Monkton Methodist Church in Lyal's name.