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

Next Membership Meeting

Thursday June 6 Zoom @ 7pm if I can do it from HOBY.



Stock Market Challenge Final Payout \$907.50

\$426.25	Gary Shultz	\$10,655.66	Timonium Optimist	
\$193.75	Carol Porcher	\$10,463.46	Jacksonville Optimist VP	
\$77.50	Donald Bennett	\$10,389.78	Jacksonville Optimist	
\$30.00	Penelope Hauck	\$10,334.62	Family of Jacksonville Optimist	
\$30.00	Carson Schwandtner	\$10,298.04	Family of Jacksonville Optimist	
\$25.00	Barbara Lipstein	\$10,291.01	Friend of Jacksonville member	
\$25.00	Michelle Bianchi	\$10,281.15	Friend of Jacksonville member	
\$25.00	Ken Bollinger	\$10,277.64	Hereford Optimist President	
\$25.00	Jamie Yuspa	\$10,270.90	Friend of Hereford member	
\$25.00	Tom Flynn	\$10,243.19	Friend of Jacksonville member	
\$25.00	Christie Pona	\$ 8,651.56	Friend of Jacksonville member. Last place gets her money back!	

Alcoa grew the most and Southwest Airlines lost the most in %! Caterpillar was the most stagnant at a 0.18% increase. While 22 stocks increased, 30 decreased within the two months.

We thank all our participants. This \$2000 fundraiser helps to support our club projects. We cannot do the work we do without your support.

Zone 5 Oratorical and MDSD Oratorical

On April 12, Jacksonville Optimists hosted the Zone 5 competition "How to Change the World with Optimism". Two students each came from Cockeysville, Hereford, and Timonium Optimist Clubs. All received certificates. The top two received a \$25 check and competed in Ocean City.



Thank you to our judges, timekeeper Barbara Crain, score keeper Mike Borowitz and Ken Bollinger, refreshments Carol Porcher, room arrangements Adam Drescher, and greeter Maria Barata.

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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday
of the Month
7:00 PM
Call to confirm.

Meeting Site
St. John's
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church
3911 Sweet
Air Rd.
Phoenix,
21131



Our two Zone winners attended the Ocean City Conference to compete against 7 other students on April 20th. Unfortunately, our two were great but didn't place. They are eligible to try again next year on a new Optimist topic.

Zone 5's wining students with Timonium Optimists.



The top three MDSD winners received scholarship awards of \$2500 (Fort Smallwood Optimist student), \$1500 (Frederick Optimist student), and \$1000 (Cherry Hill Optimist student). They are the ones holding flower bouquets. All students received a plaque.

Happy May Birthdays!

Steve Porcher	5/5
Adam Drescher	5/13
Carol Applegate	5/15



What Does May Bring?

- May 5 National Lemonade Day & World Laughter Day & Cinco de Mayo
Now you've lots of good reasons good to have some fun!
- May 8 World Red Cross Day
- May 10 National Golf Day
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 17 Bike to work Day....now I am glad I am retired!
- May 17 Preakness
- May 18 Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day is commemorated annually on the **third Saturday of May** in the United States. The day aims at honoring the men and women of the United States armed forces and also at raising the general public's awareness of the role that the military play in everyday life.

May 18 International Museum Day

International Museum Day is celebrated on **May 18** to encourage people to visit and enjoy museums, and to raise awareness about the challenges that museums face that they can only survive with the support of their communities.

May 27 Memorial Day

Memorial Day is observed in America on the **last Monday of May**. It is a day to commemorate & remember the men and women who lost their lives while in service for the US military. It is a federal holiday, and usually businesses and schools are closed, and most people have the day off work. Parades, picnics, and opened community pools are scheduled.



Congratulations to Barbara Crain for receiving a Leadership Pin for a cumulative donation to the Optimist International Foundation of \$1000. Thank you Barbara and wear it proudly!

OI supports our Essay and Oratorical scholarships plus other projects.



Raffle Tickets

Mike Borowitz and team are setting up Friday/Saturday/Sunday sales at Safeway. \$5 a ticket & 3 for \$10 to win \$500. Please be available to take a couple shifts. Wear your Optimist colors! Be ready when Mike calls or better yet, email him to offer your services. mborowit@jhmi.edu Thank you Mary Lu Hartley for donating the tickets.

Fireworks June 29 OH YES!

Our next meetings are Monday May 13, 8 pm Zoom and Monday June 10 in person. More meetings will be added during the next 8 weeks as needed. There will be a noon Classic Car show on Conrad's lot with music and beer truck. On the Jacksonville Elementary School field starting at 6:15 pm, *That's What She Said* band will play, Boy Scouts will sell sodas, Kona Ice will set up, and other foods will be available. Rain date is Sunday, June 30.

Need a day trip suggestion?

I visited the free National Arboretum this week. It is inside the DC beltway, on our side of the city, and just off New York Ave. Pat & I saw the height of the azalea area. Nestled in a section of thinned woods, the paths and few steps were beautiful. A surprise was seeing the original 1826 Capital Columns moved in 1958 to extend the front. When visiting, you can't miss the Chinese Pavilion and numerous bonsai. Check out their website to see what is in bloom. Dog friendly. Picnic area.
<https://www.usna.usda.gov/discover/gardens-collections/>

