



**4th Quarter Conference/
Convention
Aug. 17-19,2024 Lancaster,
Pa.**

Election was held and Pam
Bowmen will be Governor for
2025-2026



**Optimist
Executive Committee**



Colleen passing the
Governor's hat to Julie
Zebraski.



Pat Taliaferro was inducted to
the Hall of Fame for all her
outstanding work with the
Optimist Club of Frederick
Congratulations Pat .



Robert (Bob) Marsh was also
inducted into the Hall of Fame.
(Mickey Price late husband) He
was Governor 1976-1977.

Optimist Club of Frederick
Fish with a Cop 15th year, also
Bowl with a COP. Honored the

Fire Department as well as the Police Department with luncheon platters,



Going to the Guns and Hoses at the Key Stadium to support the law enforcement as well as firefighter's. They donate the proceeds to us from this event.

Freedom Optimist

They just finished Eagle scout project. They take their food truck to Girl's softball and

Lacrosse games. They sponsor Cub Scouts pack 110 and Boy Scouts 716. They also do a Blood Drive every year.

Optimist Club of Dundalk

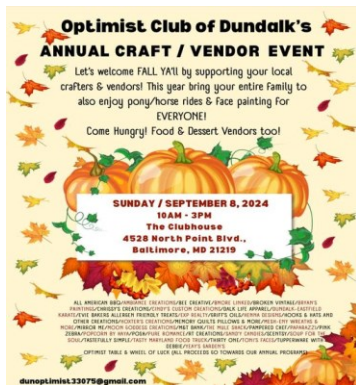


These young ladies attended the Conference/Convention in Landcaster. Pa.



L Dawn West Simpson being inducted as [Lt.Gov.](#) of the Maryland/South Delaware Optimist Executive Committee.

Celebrating Charles Martin's 35th anniversary of belonging to the Optimist of Dundalk.....
 Congratulation Charlie !



Come and celebrat with us



Tickets for our celebration on sale.

Fort Smallwood Optimist Club

Hello everyone the Fort Smallwood Optimist Club is having a raffle to benefit "Shop with a Cop" and other activities for our community. PLEASE HELP US HELP THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. Bushel of Crabs, dozen ears of corn, and a case of Domestic Beer (must be 21) or a Case of Soda, drawing Sept. 25,2024 Donation \$10.00 each Cash or Venmo or checks made out to Fort Smallwood Optimist Club Contact David Bowman driver21122@yahoo.com

Optimist Club of Calvert Prince Frederick

Awarded 5 College/Career Scholarships totaling \$20,000. Their JOI club delivered collection items to the Baltimore Ronald McDonald House. They also had Project party. Held their Youth Fishing Derby in May. In September, they we have Respect for Law Bsnquet, Trick or Treat in October.

Solomns Optimist Club

Our Kenny Hoofnagle scholarship was awarded to Jim Oster for \$2,000. At the Patuxent HighSchool, Senior Awards ceremony. There were seven winners for our scholarship. We held Project Grad for 200 kids.Candice Milcarzyk and Marissa McAndrew attended the Niagara Falls Convention.Respect for Law is September 16th and End of Summer Picnic is in September.Solomons Board of Directors made a tough decision not to sell trees this year or

continue with JOI FOR 2024-2025

Hollywood Leonardtown

Optimist ClubAttened te Respect for Law Banquet, worked Project Grad. Had a great turnout for Clements Cuties Golf Tournament, which is for kids with cancer in the county. Members worked the HVFDCarnival



Fishing Trip with 8 kids. Water was a little ruff but they hung in there and caught 40 fish.



Participate in multiple Hayes Farm Auctions providing food for the auction goers. Participated in Project Grad. 2024 DARE Camp in two locations. Provided lunch for over 40 kids all week long.



Shop with a Cop back to school event. Then back to VFW for pizza.

HLOC future events are Oyster Festival, annual Pumpkin Patch, Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Baskets and tree sales.



Mechanicsville Optimist Club

They awarded 5 Scholarships totaling \$5k to 5 deserving students.

Niagara Fall Convention, eight attended. This year Mechanicsville held the Respect for Law Banquet.



This past week they held a Golf Tournament for Autism.



4th Quarter, Mechanicsville took home the attendance banner.

7th District Optimist Club

In June they had a fishing Derby a luncheon at Chopticon HS. Flag Day Celebration in Leonardtown, cooked and donated food. Father's Day picnic at clubhouse. They cooked food for Smile program at St. Mary's fairgrounds. Cooked food at Jazz Fest. Lawnmower Races, Children's Day at Colton's Point

Museum, donated and cooked food, run kiddie tractor pull.

Lexington Park-St. Maries

Several members attended Niagara Fall Convention, Presented the ROTC plaque to the winners at the GMHS graduation ceremony. Supported the Project Grad.

St. Maries charters Troop 793 Boy Scouts, Crew 793 Boy Scouts and Girl Troop 1793.

Optimist club of Sussex.

A lovely evening celebrating Detective Chad Harmon at the Respect for Law Awards Dinner. SRO @ Cape Henlopen High School.



Congratulations to Sienna Tunnell, senior at Sussex

Academy, for winning \$2500 in scholarship money. She won the Optimist International Essay (District) Contest! We are beyond proud,

Easten/Talbot County

Held another Pit Beef. Turkey fundraiser. Sponsored their annual Talbot Jr, Golf Tournament with 28 kids participating ages 7-13.

Salisbury Optimist Club



Respect for Law honored 6 local Law Enforcement Agencies.

Salisbury gave \$1500 Academic Scholarships (one for each of the high schools in their county) and two \$1000

Baseball and Softball Scholarships. They held a Golf Tournament with a net profit of \$14,000 for the Club. They sponsored 6 Girls Softball Teams and participated in the Parks and Recs Opening Ceremonies.

Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club

The Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club congratulates Tobias Balska from Worcester Preparatory School for winning 1st place in the 2024 Optimist International Visual Art Contest for the 8-11 age category! Congratulations Tobi! 🏆



The Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club will be sponsoring the 14th Annual Optimist

Scholarship Golf Tournament on August 28, 2024 at 1:00 pm (registration begins at 11:45 am) at Ocean City Golf Club.

Lunch will follow registration. The round will be best ball with team handicap at 30% of average team handicap.

Tee time is 1:00. Dinner to follow the tournament at 5:30. Dinner will be an eastern shore buffet of steamed shrimp, fried chicken, ham, and all the trimmings.

They donated \$2500 to Pocomoke High School Boys Basketball. Pictured below thanking the Optimists (l-r) Jeremiah Walker, Jymir Schoolfield, Deshour Pritchett, Zymiere Walker, Jayden Mason, Michael Ames, Jordan Ames, and Elijah Milbourne. You're welcome!



The Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club awarded 9 Pocomoke High School students the “Friends of Youth Scholarships” at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 23rd totaling \$42,000. Pictured (l-r) Aiden Clayton \$6,000, Brooke Benton \$6,000, Dashawna Smith \$6,000, Amber Jester \$4,000, Mandy Chau \$4,000, Emily Knight \$4,000, Ava Skorobatsch \$4,000, Aaron Nelson \$4,000, Samantha Lambertson \$4,000. Congratulations! A job well

done!



The Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club sponsored the “2024 Visual Arts Competition” for the creation of the 2025 Optimist International Calendar. The Club’s 1st place art work will be sent to be judged at the International level. 1st place 9 yr. old Tobias Blaska from Worcester Preparatory School, 3rd place 9 yr. old Priya Garg from Worcester Preparatory School. Congratulations to 2 very talented artists!



They made donations to 3 local High School After Prom Parties, to Autistic Children's support group of Worcester County. Also, to Ocean City Elementary 4th grade graduation. Pocomoke Middle school student field trip. They contributed to Stephen Decatur WeXL awards program, Boy Scout Troop 261 OC. Adventure. Ocean City/ Berlin gave generous donations to their community, job well done. Charlie Smith has organized their annual Golf Tournament for August 28th. Annual Crab Feast is Sunday, Sept, 8th at Hoopers in West O.C.

Cockeysville Optimist

Hoby's largest donation of MDSO Optimist Clubs, they also made donations to Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Dept. towards a new truck. They are looking forward to partner with Childhood Cancer to donate towards camp for pediatric patients.

Hereford Optimist Club

Hoby, Raffle fundraiser at Graul's Market, Fishing Derby, Hereford HS Scholarship. They Contributed to the parade and Fireworks, had a Golf Tournament. Crab Feast on Aug. 8th and Hereford HS Football field "chain gang" measuring.

Jacksonville Optimist

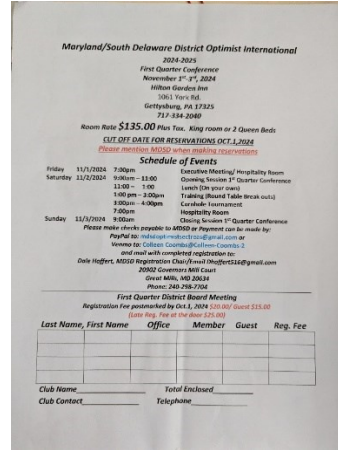
HOBYS, newsletters, coin boxes for Childhood Cancer Family support, Jacksonville Fireworks, Sr, Center donations. Teachers appreciation at Jacksonville Elementary, Volunteer Fire Dept donation. 40TH Anniversary dinner on **October 17, 2024.**

Loch Raven Optimist

Donation to COLL kids that pays for tutors of pediatric cancer patients so they can keep up with classes while in treatment. Host "Wreaths

Across America “at Parkwood Cemetery.

Timonium Optimist Club
 HOBY, Respect for Law, Golf
 Tournament, Crab Feast 8/31.
 Aluminum recycle for CCS.
 Student of the month
 (5 per year)



Dale Hoffert has asked to get these forms in by October 1st. It is a busy month for him.

CONFERENCES 2024-2025

- 1st Gettysburg Nov.1-3**
- 2nd California Jan.31 – Feb.2**
- 3rd OC Grand April 25-27**
- 4th Gettysburg Aug. 15-17**

MEMORIAM

- Tim Mennuti Annapolis
- Shirley Panuska Dundalk
- Al Panuska Dundalk
- Joyce West Dundalk
- Philip Laumann Sr. Ft. Smallwood
- Frank “Pabst” Roy 7th District
- Spencer Howes Calvert
- Bob Merkle Calvert
- Gail Murdock Mechanicsville

Leadership

They don't know it yet but they have shown me what a team can be. Leadership about inspiring others towards a common goal, building trust and empowering a team. So, I hope I have taught them as much as they taught me. It's about making each other better. No one can be a great leader unless they genuinely care about others success of every person in the team.

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.