

Maryland/South Delaware Optimists District 33

May 2026 Issue 05



We are in our Mid third quarter and our district is doing well. We are plus 4 in membership and have built one new club. Let's keep the momentum going, add more members before the end of the quarter June 30th and let's work to add at least one more new club before the end of the optimist year on September 30 .

I hope to see many of you at the Optimist International convention June 28-July 2 in Jacksonville, FL. All info and registration is available on the Optimist website site. The OI convention is a great chance to receive awesome training on many offices and topics as well as an exciting, fun opportunity to meet fellow Optimists from all over the world. Please make every effort to have at least one member in attendance.

At the 4th Quarter Convention, August 21-23, Willington Double Tree, your club casts your vote for Governor Elect 2026-7. I hope everyone enjoys their summer!
Catch the Wave; Be the Change,
MDSD Governor Pam Bowman

Sierra Leone Diaspora Optimist Club of Bowie Maryland

Please join me in welcoming the Sierra Leone Diaspora Optimist Club of Bowie Maryland to the Maryland South Delaware District. The club was sponsored by the Ft Smallwood Optimist Club and was chartered on March 15, 2026 with 16 charter members. The charter president is Shed Jah.

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Be the Change!

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Dundalk

Irene Mann, President, raffled her ocean themed blanket and donated \$390 to Believe in Tomorrow.



Policeman of the Year is Officer Austin Kiss and the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year is Matthew Morgan. Boy & Girl of the Year will be held in June.

How to Submit a Club Impact Report Project:

1. Log into Optimist Leaders — submissions must be entered by a Club Officer (Pres, Sec, or Treas).
2. Click on **"Club Impact Report."**
3. Select one of **Optimist International's Signature Programs** (such as Oratorical, Essay, CCDHH, JOI, Junior Golf) or choose a **Community Project** your club has completed.

Enter the project details and submit!

Timonium/Hereford



Essay winners with Sue Cavanaugh. Oratorical winners

with Ken Bollinger, President.

June 1 Lunch at Roma's is Officer of the Year.

Fishing Derby is June 6 from 8-10 am at Friendly Farms. Ages up to and including Junior High. Bring your poles!



Believe in Tomorrow House (BIT)

Amanda Koontz, Program Advancement Asso., brought us up to date on the eight respite houses/condos they manage in Ocean City. Winter long weekends brings families of children with cancer from the Johns Hopkins Hospital but summer allows week long stays. Our donations fill the units with paper goods, food, snacks, books and beachtowels for children to enjoy once a year.

Last August they opened a new house to serve larger families, children with limited life expectancies and military families. BIT has two respite units in Deep Creek Lake and one in Zirconia, NC. All the units can be reserved by families of critically ill children from other children's hospitals.

She thanked our clubs for our Wish List donations from Jacksonville, Lexington Park/St. Maries. Also presented was \$300 gift cards from MDSD, CCFSF \$500, Mechanicsville \$400, Dundalk \$390 from the blanket raffle, Hollywood/Leonardtwn \$300, and Frederick \$300. She was very pleased with our efforts.

Amanda 410-723-2842



Believe In Tomorrow™
Children's Foundation

Zone 5

Good work is being done by all the clubs: Cockeysville, Greater Jacksonville, Loch Raven, and Timonium/Hereford.

Our next Zone meeting will be on Saturday August 1 at 11:30. At 1pm will be the Timonium/Hereford Crab & Shrimp Feast. Stay and enjoy the fun \$40-\$45.

Bollinger Party Palace
236 Everett Rd. Hereford
RSVP Ken Bollinger
443-841-9755



2026 Optimist

International

Visual Arts Contest

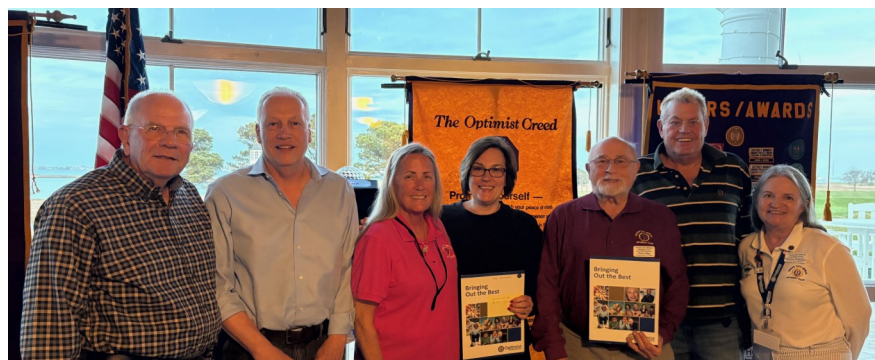
Under 7 contest, one of four winners:

Lainie Booth, age 6,
Fenwick Island, Delaware

Dundalk Humanitarians of the Year Citizen of the Year Dale Grimes



Ocean City / Berlin



We welcomed new members at the April Dinner Meeting at the Lighthouse Restaurant at The Links at Lighthouse Sound on St. Martins Neck Road. Pictured above (l-r) Larry Lawrence sponsor and Doug Bruner new member, Kathy Cater sponsor and Principal of BIS Amy Gallagher new member, Chuck Fuller new member and Greg Custis sponsor, and Optimist President Chris Dolomount-Brown. Welcome aboard!

The Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club was honored at the Greater Ocean City, Maryland Chamber of Commerce Awards Celebration at the Ashore Resort and Beach Club in Ocean City as the "NonProfit Of The Year". The Optimist club celebrated with many other amazing honorees in this amazing night of heartfelt stories of kindness and giving. All profits from our fundraisers go 100% to the children of Worcester County! It's all about the kids!





Jim Hubbard, IO FD MDSD Rep
240-397-1495

Optimist International Foundation Report

To all dedicated Optimist Members, a plea for your assistance in raising funds for the Optimist International Foundation, so that the Foundation can continue to underwrite the costs of various scholarships and other support for Optimist International and Optimist Club initiatives. The easiest way to provide support is through the Dime A Day program but that is just one among several options for \$36.50. Many MDSD Optimists have donated so far this year. Individuals can join the Presidents Club as well as the William Harrison Society.

I do wish to thank the several clubs that presented me with checks at the Third Quarter Conference; **Salisbury, Solomons, Greater Jacksonville, Hollywood-Leonardtown, Dundalk and Mechanicsville.**"

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Friends & FORTUNE

Bringing Out the Best in Kids

DINNER & GAME NIGHT

A night of Fun, Friends & Fortune!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026
DOORS OPEN: 5:30 PM
DINNER SERVED: 6:00 PM

MECHANICSVILLE MOOSE HALL
27636 MECHANICSVILLE RD
MECHANICSVILLE, MD 20659

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
OPTIMIST CLUB OF MECHANICSVILLE, MD
AND YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

50/50

You could be a winner!

PULL-TABS

Pull, Match & Win!

DIG WHEEL OF CHANCE

Spin the wheel, win big!

BALLIN' FOR BUCKS (NUMBER DRAW GAME)

Match the number, win the cash!

BROWN BAG RAFFLES

Great Prizes!

TICKETS
\$150 PER COUPLE (2 DINNERS, 1 BALL)
\$100 SINGLE (1 DINNER, 1 BALL)

ONLY 200 TICKETS SOLD!

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

TABLES CAN BE RESERVED FOR PARTIES OF 8 OR MORE. OTHERWISE, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE.

RSVP / Contact Info:

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TINA BARNES 301-672-1558

Congratulations on accepting the vacant Zone 3 Lt Governor. Charlie was sworn in at the MDSD April Conference in Ocean City.

Charles "Charlie" Martin
Past President Dundalk Optimists
Treasurer, CCFSF
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Here's your club's opportunity to vote on the person to help lead MDSD as Governor Elect and then Governor in 2027-2028

Per the Candidate Qualification Chair's (Julie Zebroski) announcement during the 3rd Quarter conference in April: This year there are 3 Nominees for the 2026-2027 Governor Elect.

1) **Christine McDanal** was nominated by The Optimist Club of Mechanicsville, MD. She has been a member of Optimist International since 2012.

2) **Charles Martin** was nominated by The Optimist Club of Dundalk, MD. He has been a member of Optimist International since 1989.

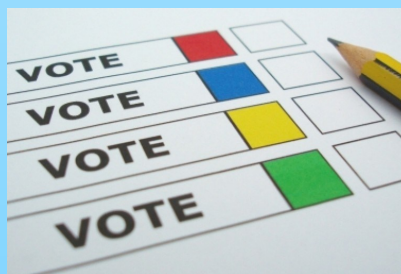
3) **Donald Mitchell** was nominated by The Optimist Club of Lexington Park-St. Maries, MD. He has been a member of Optimist International since 1984.

Reminders

*Clubs should vote no later than May for their incoming 2026-2027 officers.

*Record your selections on OI. Go to OI; your club; reports; Club Officer-Elect Report (COER). Please submit by May 20 or as soon as you can. This data is used for next year's MDSD contacts. If the email is incorrect they will not receive any notices from OI, MDSD or this Bulletin.

*2026 International Officer and Board Director Election. Club presidents received an email on May 6 with instructions and a club personalized web source to vote by May 30. There are three nominees listed.



3rd Quarter Conference, The Grand, Ocean City, MD 4/17-19/26



First Timer, **Jodi Siebenberg**
Ocean City/Berlin Club

MDSD Oratorical Contest. Zone 1 Bradley Goddard & Megan Goddard, Frederick Club. Zone 2 Estelle Damouni & Samuel Zollinger, Ocean City/Berlin Club. Zone 3 Giselle Martine, Dundalk Club and Bella Grace Annibal, Cherry Hill Club. Zone 4 Anne Lawrence & Andrew Grover, Calvert Club. Zone 5 Matthew Kiyatkin & Conor Brecht, Cockeysville Club.



David Bowman, Oratorical Chair MDSD
Optimist International prizes are sent to the college/trade school of their choice after student acceptance.



1st Place Bella Grace Annibal \$2500 12th grade
2nd Place Giselle Martin \$1500 12th grade
3rd Place Conor Brecht \$1000 8th grade



**Saturday evening
mini golf**



Essay 2026

1st Praneel Pandit
Urbana HS
Frederick Club
\$2500 scholarship

2nd Bridget Diveley
Dundalk Club

3rd Justin Shim
Lexington Park Club

11 clubs participated.
Thank you for honoring
your youth.



OI Past President, Jim Hubbard read the winning essay. We are looking for a 2027 chair. It's fairly easy and I will help you start!
Judi Lazarus-Haag
Chair
judilhaag@gmail.com

HOBY 2026

Thank you to everyone who attended 3rd Quarter Conference. At our August 22 Convention, I will be hosting a round table discussion for hosting a HOBY CLeW—one day leadership seminar for freshmen and/or sophomores, incorporating Optimist members, HOBY alumni, community volunteers to host a 6 hour session.

Thank you to financially supporting clubs 7th District, Annapolis, Calvert, Cherry Hill, Cockeysville, Dundalk, Fort



Smallwood, Frederick, Jacksonville, Hollywood/Leonardtwn, Lexington Pk/St Maries, Mechanicsville, Ocean City/Berlin, Solomons, Timonium/Hereford, Hank Kolodner, Charlie Martin, Jon Wancowicz and me!

Towson University June 4-7.

HOBY Hugs,
Carol Applegate 410-746-0150

Ocean City Berlin



The Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club received a heartfelt thank you from the Seaside Christian Academy for our \$2500 donation. We were happy to have been a part of providing the equipment for the enjoyment of the little ones!



Our members visited the Belin Intermediate School (BIS) "Junior Seahawks on the Move" Celebration. Honor roll and academic awards are not always a measure of a students' success and contribution to their school and community. It is the day to day actions of the hardworking students that strive to make improvements each day that cannot be measure by a test! Thank you BIS for this very important celebration recognizing the hard work and efforts of your students!

Club & Program Shorts

Dundalk Daily July raffle drawing \$5. We held a Youth Appreciation. HOBY students will attend our June 24 meeting. Bingo is October 11. See our FB page for upcoming events.

Frederick said I'd receive items, but I must have lost them. Sorry.

4th Quarter Convention August 21-23, Double Tree by Hilton, Wilmington 302-478-6000 due 7/22. Meeting \$25 to Krista Brezina.

Jacksonville SMC fundraiser ended. Congrats to our 16 winners.

June 27 Jacksonville Fireworks, Rattle Cats band, food vendors, field entertainment, free children's area at the Jacksonville Elementary School 3400 Hillendale Rd, Phoenix. Starts at 6pm. Carol Applegate 410-746-0150

David Lazarus, Ocean City/Berlin is collecting aluminum cans and pull tops. Bring them to conferences for him please or contact through Judi at 443-944-8470 .



**Lexington Park/
St. Maries** student winners.



Please send your Bulletin news and photos to Carol Applegate. I would love to get your club newsletters and emails. Presidents must send the bulletin to your members. Only MDSD Directory listed officers receive it.

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Next issue articles due 9/6

Mechanicsville



Our 6th Golf Tournament benefits the Personalized Academy of Learning (PALS) to provide inclusive and safe environments for children with and without disabilities. Autism is close to our hearts,

August 7, 2026 7 AM

Wicomico Shores Golf Course

\$500 / foursome

Fees, 2 beers, water/soda

Snacks, lunch, door prizes

Looking for players, door prizes, and sponsors.

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Toot Bowen 240-925-4028

Steve McDanal 240-925-0098