



3rd Quarter Conference in Ocean City, Md

At our 3rd Quarter Conference in Ocean City, MD, we held our District Oratorical Contest. Congratulations to our 2025 Oratorical Contest Winners: 1st Place Elliot Larson (Salisbury Club), 2nd Place Sarah Wagner (Timonium Club), and 3rd Place Jude Damuni (OC/Berlin Club).



We also continued our tradition of collecting items for the Believe in Tomorrow Respite House.



Believe in Tomorrow House is building a new house on the same street



Alex Shockley, Alumni Advisor of HOBY Maryland, was our HOBY speaker



Toot organized another Putt Putt event. Everyone had a great time.



New member and first time to the Conference, welcome Willard Black from the Cherry Hill Club. We had a good crowd in Ocean City



That weekend was Sunner Fest. All enjoyed the crafts, bands for 2 days



Steve McDaniel as Foundation Rep.



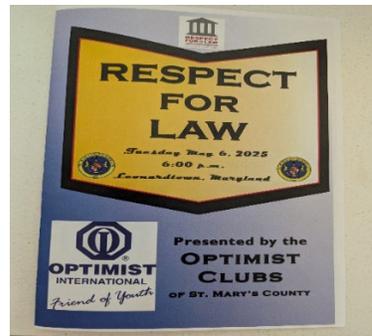
Thank you, Governor Julie Zebrosk, for your kit at the last conference.

Lexington Park St, Maries Club

A couple of years ago during the Optimist International Convention there was a project which involved building Neighborhood Libraries. We took an unfinished one and would periodically work on it. It has been installed in the neighborhood park in Cecil's Mill Neighborhood in Great Mills, MD



St. Mares hosted the Respect for Law this year and they did a great job



To honor our fellow Officers for all that they do





Mechanicsville Club

5th Annual Golf Tournament for Autism August 22, 2025.

If anyone is interested in playing golf contact Toot.



**Optimist Club of Mechanicsville
5th Annual Golf Tournament**
August 22, 2025

WHERE: Chesapeake Hills Golf Course
11525 N G Trueman Road
Lusby, MD 20657

TIME: Registration 7am
Tee off at 9am

COST: \$200.00 PER PERSON
(Includes green fees, cart, beverages (Beer, water, soda), snacks, beer prices and taxes)

FOR SALE: Multi-golf privileges will be for sale for \$5 each (over 2 per player)

PLAYER REGISTRATION
Please return the completed information and payment to no later than **AUGUST 15, 2025**
Mechanicsville, MD
P.O. Box 743
Mechanicsville, MD 21550

PLAYER NAME	PHONE NUMBER (Just 1 for the team)

SPONSORSHIPS

Company/Individual Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____
 Drink Cart Sponsor \$100
 Hole Sponsor \$100
 Tee Box Sponsor \$50
 Other: _____

If you wish to sponsor, we are looking for donations for services/supplies, donor prizes and items for our athletic auction. All proceeds from this tournament benefit our local children's educational institution.

Approved By: _____
Date: _____
Print Name: _____
Print Address: _____

They serve food 5x a year at Hayes Farm Auction.

Project Grad is coming up on May 30th for Chopticon HS.

On May 31 the **JOI CLUB** will be making Blankets.

The club does D.A.R.E. July 28th
They also supported the

Robotic Team. They have advanced to the Regionals to States and now invited to the World Championships,



Hollywood Leonardtown Club

Had an Easter event with over 100 kids and family attend. We had moon bounce, face painting all refreshment free to the kids





Potting section



Give away



**We had two new members join.
Welcome Ryan Spence and Tommy Quade**





4th Annual Golf Tournament.....

This is to support Childhood Cancer program
In St. Mary's County

Hollywood-Leonardtown Optimist Club
4th Annual Medical Golf Tournament
Benefit: Clements Cutes Childhood Cancer Program

REGISTRATION

Date:
Friday - June 13, 2025

Time:
Check-In: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
[\(Hollywood-Leonardtown St. Mary's Ave\)](#)
Shotgun: 9:00 AM

Format:
Captains Choice (Best Ball)

Place:
Chesapeake Hills Golf Course
1352 Hg Trueman Rd
Laney, MD 20657

Overnight:
Phone: (240) 577-3540

Email:
Timmy Quade
timmy@optimistclub.com
Vicki O'Neil
Vicki@optimistclub.com

Mail In:
4259 Brook Manor Dr.
Mechanicville, MD 20636

Fee:
\$125.00 Per Player

CONTENTS:

- Hole-In-One - Money Hole
- Longest Drive (Men's & Women)
- Closest-to-the-Pin (Men's & Women)

Random Games at Random Holes

- Hackers Package will be available at registration
- Players Show Prize Ticket given at Registration, pick door prize up anytime during tournament
- At The Turn: Hot Dogs / Chips / Beverages
- Dinner / Awards (in Club House)

Form of Payments:

Check: - Made out to H.L.O.C.
Please use Friends and Family option

Money:
Email Address: h.loptimistclub@gmail.com
Use Name: Registration
Look for the H.L.O.C. logo (above)

PayPal:
Email Address: h.loptimistclub@gmail.com

Completed Form and Payment Are Due By: May 31, 2025.
Mail in or E-Mail form (quade18@gmail.com) or (Vicki@optimistclub.com)

FOUR-SOME Please provide email address, this will be the main contact method

Team Name: _____

Player 1 Name: _____ Player 3 Name: _____
Email: _____ Email: _____

Player 2 Name: _____ Player 4 Name: _____
Email: _____ Email: _____

Project Grad

They are doing Project Grad on May 28, 2025 at Pax River Base. This is where the graduates go after the ceremony. They have plenty of activities through the night and we cook the food and serve,

Optimist Club of Calvert
Congratulations to this year's CTA Junior "Rising Stars in CTE" awarded by the **Optimist Club of Calvert**. These students were recognized for their hard work, dedication, professionalism, leadership, and citizenship in their first year in CTE programs at CTA. Thank you to the Optimist Club for their continued support of our students and programs. We value your partnership!



They recently celebrated the winners of our 2025 Essay and Oratorical Contests at our monthly dinner meeting. Congratulations to our Essay Winners:
1st Place Luke Grover (Northern High) \$125

2nd Place Hannah Storm Ricks
 (Calvert High) \$75
 3rd Place Lindsey Davis
 (Calvert High) \$50
 Congratulations to our
 Oratorical Contest Winners:
 1st Place Brett Sheranko
 (Patuxent High) \$300
 2nd Place Samuel Zolfaghari
 (Northern High) \$200
 3rd place Anne Lawrence
 (Northern High) \$100



The Optimist Club of Calvert
 would like to thank the
 families who attended the
 Easter Bunny event yesterday!
 Here are just a few of the over
 70 children the Easter Bunny

took pictures with on April
 13th.



Optimist Club of Dundalk
 Sponsored 5 Ambassadors
 For Hoby for 2025.

This is how a community comes together! Thank you **Fort Smallwood Optimist**

Respect for Law dinner We also had our club essay winner and his mom come to be recognized and he read his essay . Governor Julie and First Gentleman Tommy were in attendance also.

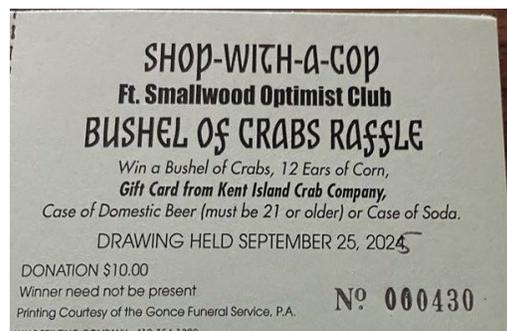


Essay winner- Jeremy Jones



Officer - Lamont Jett and his commanding officer Sgt Katie Beall. Event was held 5/28

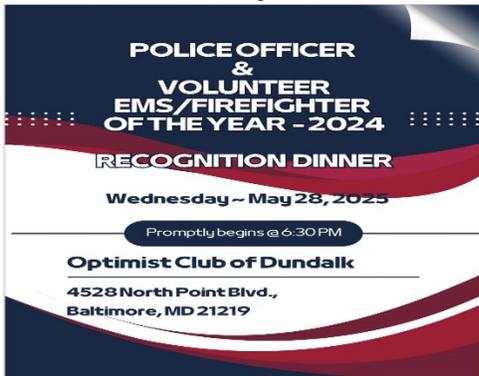
Upcoming events:



Get tickets at 4th Conference

Optimist Club of Dundalk

We honored the Police Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year! Dinner was served. This is truly one of the best events of the year!



Annapolis Optimist Club

The Annapolis Club sending big "Congratulations" to Grayden Stramanak! Grayden was the recipient of The Daniel Hitzelberger

Leadership Scholarship Award. The \$1000.00 scholarship honors leadership, integrity, and a commitment to excellence. Jack Papaleonti was honored to present the award to Grayden at the Annapolis HS Senior Award Company.



Club member Dr. Gabrielle Remington. The Optimists support and celebrate this investment in the future of skilled trades!



Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club
The **Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club** proudly presented a \$5,000 donation to support the trades programs and SkillsUSA competition at **Worcester Technical High School, Newark MD**. Pictured (l-r) Assistant Principal Laverne Cray, Principal Tony Bevilacqua, Optimist Vice President Jill Anthony, and

The **Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club** had their "Annual BBQ Celebration" at the Bishopville Park on Sunday, June 1st. Good food and good friends celebrating another year of amazing fundraising for the children of Worcester County! A good time was had by all!



Congratulations to Worcester Prep's Lower School student award winners of this year's Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club Visual Arts Contest! WPS 2nd grader Nicole Sebastian won 1st place in the "Up to Age 7" category, and 5th grader Tobi Blaska won 1st place in the "Age 8 to 11" category. They each received \$100 and will be entered into the Optimist International Visual Arts Contest.



The **Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club** Presented 7 "Friends of Youth Scholarships" and 2 "Future Teachers Scholarship" at the **Pocomoke High School PHS** Senior Awards Ceremony on May 22nd totaling \$100,000. "Friends of Youth" awards pictured in top photo (l-r) Dena Holloway Scholarship Committee member, Teresa Guo \$14,000, Maddison Biggers \$14,000, Hailey Cowger \$9,000, Tony Martin \$9,000, Keeyonie Coston-Planter \$7,000, Eli Scott \$7,000, and Lee Holloway Scholarship Committee member. Pictured in bottom photo the "Future Teachers

Scholarship" awarded to (l-r) Curtasia Schoolfield \$15,000 and Zoey Caldwell \$15,000. Congratulations graduates! We are so proud of you!

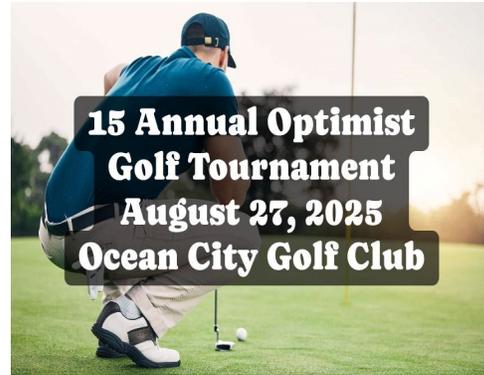


They also presented 4 "Friends of Youth Scholarships" at the **Snow Hill High School** Senior Awards Ceremony on May 21st totaling \$36,000.00. Pictured below (l-r) Dena Holloway Scholarship Committee member, Hope Cooper \$7,000, Heydein Flores \$7,000, Ernest Burch \$7,000, Abigail Gaskill \$12,000, and Lee Holloway Scholarship Committee member.

Congratulations graduates!
We are so proud of you!



Ocean City Berlin Optimist Club and the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Youth Foundation, Inc. sponsor the 15 Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for scholarships for Stephen Decatur High School. \$2.8 million have been awarded by the Optimist to date. The Tournament will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at the **Ocean City Golf Club** at 11401 Country Club Drive, Berlin, MD 21811. Cost is \$125 per player.



Salisbury Optimist Club

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Optimist Club of Salisbury scholarships! One student from each of the area high schools earned a \$1,500 award based on a combination of merit and need.

Congrats to...

- Rihanna Webster, Wi Hi
 - Kaitlyn Tyler, Parkside
 - Samantha Witte, Mardela
 - Mustafa Kilicarlsan, Delmar
 - Kevin Xu, James M Bennett
 - Kenleigh Bennett, At Large
 - * David Harkins - Baseball Award (\$1,000)
 - * McKenna Bunting - Softball Award (\$1,000)
- We celebrated these award winners at a

scholarship dinner earlier this week. Congratulations again!



Salisbury is proud to partner with Wicomico County Recreation and Parks to support Girls Softball. Here are some photos of the April 26th Opening Day Ceremony. PLAY BALL!



Talbert Optimist Club



For 2025, the Optimist Club of Cockeysville donated enough to HOBY Maryland to sponsor the attendance of over 7 Ambassadors,

It is that time of the year again to sign up for the Annual Talbot Optimist Club Golf Tournament! Hogs Neck Golf Course. Thursday June 19th, 2025



Cockeysville Optimist Club

For 2025, the Optimist Club of Cockeysville donated enough to HOBY Maryland to sponsor the attendance of over 7 Ambassadors,



Kids caught smallmouth bass and blue gills. All are catch and release. We give kids awards for biggest fish caught and most fish caught, in broken down age groups. Fun when some of the kids are your grandchildren!



Hereford Optimist Club

Always a fun day working with the Hereford Optimist Club, annual Fishing Derby at Friendly Farms Restaurant in Upperco. Seeing the kids and their families, some first timers, enjoying a couple hours of fishing.



We are very thankful to Friendly Farms to allow the Optimist to use two of the ponds for this event.



Optimist Club of Frederick
Frederick Optimist Club
Celebrated Respect for Law
Enforcement by delivering
lunch to the Maryland State
Troopers, Frederick City
Police, Frederick County
Sheriff's Department,
Thurmont police Department,
Brunswick Police Department,
and Frederick County Fire and
Rescue.



Sophomore Leadership Seminar

June 5 - 8, 2025

Towson University



Alex Shockley is a
2012 HOBY alum
from Snow Hill HS and is now Advisor
of the HOBY Maryland Alumni
Association. He supports the planning
and activation of volunteer and skills
development events for HOBY MD
alums.

Alex is the Director of Curio
Collection Brand Management at

Hilton Global Headquarters, where he manages day to day operations of the brand and supports brand expansion across the globe. Alex has been a Hilton Team Member for nearly eight years, serving on Corporate Affairs. Prior to Hilton, Alex worked on-the-ground in the hospitality industry for six years to master the skills of consumer-facing roles, including housekeeping, front office and food & beverage. Alex is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, where he finished his four years as a Schreyer Honors Scholar with a B.S. in Hospitality Management.

- The Maryland Leadership Seminar is an affiliate of the Hugh O’Brian Youth (HOBY) worldwide organization begun in 1958 by founder Hugh O’Brian. Hugh portrayed Wyatt Earp on TV
- HOBY MD is 501c3. 98% of fundraising supports the students
- Nearly 260 high school sophomores will attend our 46th seminar
- 1 - 3 students from each school attend overnight
- Program supplies, t-shirt, pen, workbook, food and lodging

- Volunteer committee, ¾ are HOBY alum, all background checked
- 20 high school junior and senior HOBY alums volunteer
- Leadership programming
 - Perspectives of leadership: personal, group & society
 - Importance of gratitude, career networking, professional development, listening, goal setting, team building
 - Volunteer service: RISE, we will pack 3,000 four-person meal packets: rice, soy, dehydrated veggies, 20 vitamins & minerals
 - Volunteer & Leadership Service/HOBY Alumni Association

Thank you, contributors, 7th District, Annapolis, Berlin/Ocean City, Cockeysville, Dundalk, Fort Smallwood, Hereford, Jacksonville, Kent Island, Loch Raven, Salisbury, Solomons, St. Maries, Timonium, Carol Applegate, Linda Bowman, and Terri Branch for your donations for 2025. Today 4/16, I received checks from Mechanicsville and Hollywood

Leonardtowntown plus a pledge from Frederick. Thank you all!

Maryland/South Delaware & Atlantic Central District
2024-2025
Fourth Quarter Conference & Convention
August 15-17, 2025
Hilton Garden Inn
1061 York Rd.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
717-334-2040
Room Rates
\$159 per night King or 2 Queen Beds
CUT OFF DATE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS July 16, 2025
Please mention the Group Code O.J.C. when making reservations

Schedule of Events

Friday	8/15/2025	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Appetizers \$20.00 PP
Saturday	8/16/2025	9:30 am – 11:00 am 11:15 am – 11:45 am 11:45 am – 1:30 pm 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm 6:30 pm – 6:50 pm 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Opening Session 4 th Quarter Conference Opening Session of District Convention Lunch on your Own Training Cocktails (Executive Committee) Installation Dinner \$40.00PP Chicken/Salmon
Sunday	8/17/2025	9:00 am – 9:30 am 9:45 am – ??	Memorial Service Closing Session

Please make checks payable to MDSO or Payment can be made by: PayPal to:
mdsdaptimistsectreas@gmail.com or Venmo to: Colleen Coombs or Colleen-Coombs-2 and mail with completed registration to:
Dale Haffert, MDSO Registration Chair
dhaffert516@gmail.com
20902 Governors Mill Court
Great Mills, MD 20634
Phone: 240-298-7704

Fourth Quarter Conference & Convention
Registration Fee postmarked by July 16, 2025, \$25.00/ Guest \$25.00
(Late Reg. Fee for all at the door \$30.00) Meals: Choice of Chicken or Salmon \$40.00 Each

Last Name	First Name	Member/ Guest	Meals	Fri.	Sat.	Reg	Total
Example			Appetizers	Chicken or Salmon			
Smith	John	Member	\$20.00PP	40.00PP	25.00	\$85.00	

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.

