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President's Message:

March is here, and we spring ahead! Timewise and in optimism. OI has designated March as "Just Ask" month. Are you wearing your button? Put it on your jacket. Invite someone to join us in "Bringing Out The Best In Kids." People make projects happen!!

The Chesapeake Youth Symphony group that played before our February meeting is so talented! Everyone enjoyed listening to their music. They are holding their annual fundraiser on April 12th at Maryland Hall. Tickets can be purchased at www.tickets.marylandhall.org

This month at our dinner meeting we will honor our essay contest winners and hear about the youth programs that the YWCA sponsors. Don't forget to RSVP by March 21st. See you on the 27th.

In Optimism,
 Bonnie

Club Activities:

The Optimist Club of Annapolis is 40!! To celebrate we're taking everyone out to the ball game! Join us at the Bowie BaySox stadium on Saturday, June 14th--the District is having a night at the ballpark, with free parking, all you can eat, fireworks and fun!! The cost is \$29 for everything and checks should be made out to MDSD Optimists and mailed to **Pete Carlson**, 11223 Rawhide Road, Lusby, MD 20657. Deadline is March 31st.

Ft. Smallwood is holding their Bull Roast on April 26th at the Earleigh Heights Firehouse. If you are interested in an evening of fun with great food, call **Dave Bowman** at 410-255-5981 for tickets.

If you would like to attend the 3rd District conference

in Ocean City from May 2-4, you need to make your reservation by April 1 at the Carousel Hotel--(410) 524-1000 or (800) 641-0011. Make sure to mention MDSD Optimists to get the special rate. To register, call **Jack Papaleonti** at (410) 991-4465.

You don't want to miss the CCC Duck Races! OI Foundation is holding a duck race at the International Convention in Grapevine, TX. You can purchase a duck for \$10 and all the money goes to the CCC at Johns Hopkins. The forms will be at the dinner meeting, or call **Dan Hitzelberger** at (410) 268-1783.

Let's all race a duck for a good cause!

Thursday, March 27th Dinner

Come honor our essay contest winners and hear about the programs the YWCA sponsors for kids and teens.

The menu is as follows:

Pepper Crusted London Broil,
 served with
 Sugar Snap Peas,
 Twice Baked Potato
 Garden Salad
 Rolls & Butter
 Chef's Dessert Choice
 Coffee, Decaf, Iced Tea & Hot Tea

Annapolis Sheraton Hotel, 187 Jennifer Road.
 Social time is 6:30 pm and dinner is 7:00 pm.
 The cost of the evening is \$15.00 per person.

**Please RSVP to Bonnie Hitzelberger @
 410-268-1783 by February 22nd.**

NOTE: The headcount is extremely important as we are billed for the number we commit to. As in the past, we will need a 72-hour notice to cancel or you will be billed.

