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# The Annapolis Optimist



## President's Message

Fellow Optimists,

As the temperature cools and we get ready to change our clocks, remember to mark your calendar for our Youth Appreciation Dinner on November 15. Let's show support for these fine young students.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Boat Shows a success—members, scouts and friends. The exact amount is being finalized. We sold all 3,150 Nutty Buddies and that is a lot of ice cream! At our October meeting Glen Rotner was awarded the Cracker Award for volunteering to co-chair the event and giving many, many hours of his time. Ron Pastrana, the "trailer boss," will receive an Optimist TO shirt. Congratulations Glen and Ron!!

What a great presentation our own member, Gerald Winegrad, gave at the October dinner meeting, on the health of the Chesapeake Bay and what needs to be done! Along with our members we were fortunate to have Past International Vice President, Dennis Lane and his wife, Ann, and MDSD District Governor Tom Parran visiting.



As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, may we all pause and give thanks for our many blessings. Remember—By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids. In Optimism,  
Bonnie

**Help Needed:** We are still collecting new and "gently used" t-shirts to donate to our injured military in Iraq. An Optimist member with the Ft. Smallwood Club sends them overseas. Thanks to Cindy Miller, Mary Ann Publicover, Wrenn Gooding and Jean Radeackar for donating already. The rest of us need to collect what we can from our families, friends and neighbors and get them to **Bonnie** or **Wrenn**. 410-263-6327. Thanks.

## Thursday, November 15th Dinner

Please join the Club for our annual Youth Appreciation Dinner, where we will recognize a few of the outstanding local students, who make a difference in their communities.

**The menu is as follows:**

- Homemade Meatloaf
- Green Beans
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Rolls & Butter
- Chef's Dessert Choice
- Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Hot Tea

There is also a vegetarian option. If you would prefer that please let Bonnie know when you RSVP

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 November 9th.**

**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.

## ***Volunteer Opportunities:***

If you would like to put on your Optimist t-shirt and wrap presents with the Junior League at the Mall, they would love to have you. The dates are November 4-24. Please call **Wrenn Gooding** if you can volunteer @ 410-263-6327.

If you can help with the Shop With A Cop event on December 8<sup>th</sup>, please give **Harry Chalstrom** a call at 410-263-3025.

## ***Board Talk:***

We have a couple new chairpeople:  
**Jennifer Navabi** –Oratorical Contest  
**Marcia Richard** –Essay Contest

## ***Club Anniversaries:***

Steve Earle–7 years  
Wrenn Gooding–6 years

## ***Happy Birthday To:***

Lynn Sherlock  
Norm Tucker

## ***Dates To Remember:***

### ***November***

2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Wrapping presents with the Junior League at the Mall  
5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting–Ron’s office  
15<sup>th</sup> Youth Appreciation Dinner Meeting at 6:30 at the Sheraton  
1<sup>st</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> Collecting for Toys for Tots

### ***December***

1<sup>st</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Collecting for Toys for Tots  
3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting–Ron’s office  
8<sup>th</sup> Shop with a Cop  
13<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting at 6:30 at the Sheraton



## ***Tidbits:***

This holiday season, we will be collecting again for the Toys For Tots program. Started 60 years ago, Toys for Tots is now in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Though the program serves 600 local communities, all money and toys donated in Anne Arundel County stay in Anne Arundel County. Please drop off your new, unwrapped toys at either the November meeting or one of the County drop off points between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>. These drop off points are: the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, Curves Annapolis East, KB Toys, Let’s Eat! Edgewater, Sarles Boatyard and Marina, Sheraton Annapolis, Tara’s Gifts in West Annapolis, Toys “R” Us, Varuna Salon and Spa in the Mall, and Whispers Restaurant in Glen Burnie. They have requested no toy weapons or stuffed animals please.

At the November meeting we will also be selecting names of children from Sarah’s House for gift giving in December.

Kudos to all who have donated cans for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Remember to keep collecting and bringing them to the meetings or dropping them off at **Bonnie’s** house.

Also, our basketball league will be starting up shortly. If you would like to coach a youth team, or know of someone else who would be interested, please give **Ed Turner** a call @ 410-571-0605. Our teams consist of all age groups and there are both boys and girls teams.

For those of you who don’t know about it, we have our own website [www.annapolisoptimist.org](http://www.annapolisoptimist.org). Please check it out.

And, as usual, if you know some good men and women who are interested in making a positive difference in the lives of children, recommend our organization to them.