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**President's Message**

Fellow Optimists,  
 Autumn is here and we should be energized to start a new Optimist year!

Our first project is the Boat Shows and I want to thank everyone who has stepped in to help. It takes everyone's energy to make it a success. Many thanks to the Boy Scouts and our many friends who helped.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our 25 October dinner meeting. A fellow club member, former Senator Gerald Winegrad, will be giving his presentation on the status of the Chesapeake Bay restoration and what needs to be done. See more about the meeting further down in the newsletter. If you know someone interested in joining our club, invite them to join us.

Remember to keep collecting those cans for Childhood Cancer. Bring your filled bags to our October meeting or you may drop them off at my house.

Remember the mission statement of Optimist International—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, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinner**



Please join the Club for dinner and an interesting talk by fellow Optimist, Gerald Winegrad. Gerry spent 16 years in the Maryland Legislature, first as a Delegate and

then as a State Senator. He has almost 40 years of experience in environmental policy both as an environmental attorney and advocate and as an elected official. And, he will be talking about Chesapeake Bay restoration; what has been happening and what needs to be done.

**The menu is as follows:**

- Grilled Atlantic Salmon,  
served with a Tangy Chardonnay Fine Herb Beurre Blanc
- Mixed Greens with Dried Cranberries, Feta Cheese and Cherry Tomatoes
- Roasted Rosemary Red Bliss Potatoes
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Rolls & Butter
- Chef's Dessert Choice
- Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & 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 October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**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:***

By the time this comes out, the Sailboat Show will be over and we'll be heading into the Powerboat Show. If you have discovered, last minute, that you have some extra time and could volunteer, please give Bonnie a call. The weather was absolutely perfect for the first show and let's hope it holds for the second!

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.

This holiday season, we will be collecting for the Toys For Tots program. Please bring unwrapped new toys (or \$\$) to the November dinner meeting, or call **Bonnie Hitzelberger** to arrange a pick up. They have requested no toy weapons or stuffed animals please.

## ***Board Talk:***

**Dues:** At the last meeting, the Board voted to raise the dues to \$50 a year. Our dues to Optimist International are \$48.64 per person, and our club has been subsidizing our members for the last couple years. The statements will hit the mail soon.

**Donation:** The Board voted to donate \$200.00 to the Boys and Girls Club of Annapolis. The money will purchase games for their game room.

We have a couple new chairpeople:

**Wrenn Gooding**— OI Foundation

**MaryAnn Publicover**— Childhood Cancer.

Thanks to both for agreeing to donate their time.



## ***Club Anniversaries:***

### ***October***

Margaret Abel—6 years

Francis McAndrews—3 years

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

### ***October***

12th-14th Power Boat Show

25<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting at 6:30 at the Sheraton

### ***November***

2nd-4th District Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting—Ron's office

15<sup>th</sup> Youth Appreciation Dinner Meeting at 6:30 at the Sheraton



## ***Tidbits:***

Once again this year we are doing the Shop With A Cop program. We've been collecting money at the Boat Shows and have a good headstart on that end of it. There will be more information in the next newsletter about how you can help out on the actual day of the program.

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 **Jack Papaleonti** a call @ 410-263-1748. 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.