



Annapolis, MD

The Annapolis Newsletter

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September Dinner Meeting

Come welcome our Lt. Governor, Linda Bowman (2010-2011) and our new members. Our officers will be installed and new members will receive their pins.

The dinner will be on Thursday, September 23 at **b.b.Bistro**, on Annapolis Street in West Annapolis. Social time begins at 6:30 and dinner is at 7:00. Cost \$15 per person. The menu choices are:

Chicken Cheddar Panini with a salad

Or

Tuna Melt with a salad

RSVP to Bonnie Hitzelberger – 410-268-1783 or email by September 19th with your menu choice.

President's Message

I hope you have all had a good summer living with the heat and humidity as best you can. With the coming of the fall, I hope all of you will return to your "other" family at the Annapolis Optimist Club, where we aim to not only have some fun, but to help serve children in our community.

With the start of September, we will again begin our monthly meeting at the b b bistro, on the fourth Thursdays of each month, at 6:30 P.M. In October, we will run for the 42nd year, our stand at the Annapolis Boat Shows, our major fund raiser for the year. Those of you, who have attended this event, know it is a fun way to see and experience the largest community event in Annapolis. Those of you who have not been at the Boat Shows, which this year will be on October 7th-11, and on October 14th to the 17th, you will not only enjoy the setting at the foot of Main Street at the Dock, but the chance to greet and meet so many persons. Also, you can enjoy our exclusive ice cream dessert, the "Nutty Buddy".

With the funds we raise, we fund children in our community with a Baseball program, Hush O'Brien Youth Leadership Training, an essay contest, respect for law, Sarah's house, and Shop With a Cop, which we hope to expand to a year round program.

All of what we do is anchored on our members. The leadership of Optimist International has plainly admitted that its 3300 local clubs run Optimists, and not the Central organization in St. Louis. What we do is the most important aspect of our movement. Thus I hope you will view what we do as an important part of our community - which your role in is as equally important.

Optimistically yours,

Glen Rotner

BASEBALL

The club would like to thank **Tom Finch** for the many years of service he gave to the baseball program. Tom has handed over his ball cap to **Steve Cummins** who will now be in charge of the program. If you would like to help with baseball – helping to line the fields, etc. –contact Tom at 410-849-2428.

The fall baseball games begin on September 8. The schedule will be sent to everyone.

THE BOAT SHOW IS COMING SOON!!!

The Sailboat Show is October 7-11 and the Powerboat Show is October 14-17. We need the help of ALL members to make it successful. An Optimist must be in charge for each shift or we cannot open. You will be called for times you can work so check your calendar now. It is a lot of fun and you meet many interesting people.

We need members to help clean the trailer on Tuesday, October 5. We meet at the dock area at 5:00 o'clock. Call Bonnie, 410-268-1783 if you can come for an hour to help.

JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB

The club will begin meeting on September 16 at the Eastport Community Center. **Wrenn Gooding** and **Bonnie Hitzelberger** are the advisors. As last year, we will ask members to sign up to provide snacks. The Junior Optimists always enjoy them. We meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 4:30. We would be happy to have other members to help if possible. If you can provide a snack for Sept. 16 please call 410-268-1783. We want to thank everyone who helped last year. Your support is appreciated.

AWARDS

At the end of the school year we award two students from Bates and Annapolis Middle Schools with savings bonds. The students are selected for their actions as stated in our Optimist Creed. This year the awards went to Wendy Fuentes and Andrew Daniels from Bates Middle School and Bailey Galvin and Luke Adams from Annapolis Middle School. Congratulations to all of the students.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The convention was held in Dover, DE and **Dan Hitzelberger** was elected Governor- elect for 2011-2012. Congratulations Dan.

CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who has given aluminum cans to Bonnie. Our Zone (Zone 8) collected over 1000 pounds this year so our present Governor, Mickey Price, got a pie in the face during the convention from our Lt. Governor. She got one from Zone 9 also. Keep collecting as all of the money goes to the Johns Hopkins Childhood Cancer Campaign.

GET WELL WISHES

We hope **MaryAnn Publicover** and **David Earle** are on the road to recovery. **Bonnie Hitzelberger** appreciated your expression of support during her hospital stay and recovery.

Dates to Remember:

September 13 – Board meeting at Glen's house, 7:30

September 23 – Dinner meeting, RSVP by Sept. 19

October 4 – Board meeting

October 5 – Clean trailer at city dock – 5:00

October 7 -11 Sailboat Show

October 14 – 17 Powerboat Show

November 6-7 District meeting in Gettysburg, PA

Looking forward to seeing each of you on September 23rd!!!!