

OCEAN CITY BERLIN OPTIMIST CLUB NEWSLETTER

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OPTIMISTS – BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS

Serving the Ocean City, Berlin and Greater Worcester County areas for over 40 years.



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President's Message – Christina Dolomount Brown

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the men and women of this Club for creating, and maintaining, a unique opportunity for all of us to participate in a Non-profit that focuses on the Youth of our Community.

The foundation of this Club is based on helping Children that without our assistance would otherwise not have the opportunity for furthering education. This assistance comes in many forms, ie. Scholarships, funding to school programs, support of the Arts, support for Sports programs, or even to assist in the early development programs of daycare and ongoing general good health and welfare. All of these are things that the people of our community, like you, care about with regard to the future of our Youth.

You are a member of an incredibly special Club. To date we have donated close to \$2 million dollars to Scholarship programs in Worcester County. As part of our annual budget, we provide donations which exceed \$200,000; all of which stays in this community.

With these past achievements in mind, and with an Optimist outlook to our future, I am looking forward to exceeding our past goals. Please join me in putting our best efforts forward to make this Club grow in size, prosperity, and commitment. Let's think of how we can each reach out to individuals, and local companies, to help them understand the benefits of our efforts, and engage them in our common goals. To ensure we are there for the Youth of Worcester County.

Christina Dolomount Brown
President



November Dinner Meeting – Thursday, November 3rd

We will have our monthly dinner meeting at the American Legion on Thursday, November 3rd. Please respond to the call committee and remember that if you commit to dinner the Club will still be charged if you do not attend.

Social at 5:15PM and dinner meeting at 6:00PM.

(As we are encouraging attendance for the December Christmas Party, we will NOT hold the December monthly dinner of December 1st.)

Ocean Pines Childrens Theater.- Sharon Sorrentino

Just in time for Halloween, the Ocean Pines Children's Theater is presenting "Salem's Daughter," a chilling tale of suspense on Friday, October 28 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, October 29 at 2:30 pm in the Assateague Room in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Admission is \$12 at the door with desserts & beverages included. Email

opchildrenstheater@yahoo.com if you need more information.

Membership Dues

We still have members that have not paid their annual dues. Statements were sent via email in August. If you did not receive an invoice, please let Christina know as we have several members that noted this was their situation. Your support is much appreciated.

Membership – Roger Pacella

This month we welcome two new members into our Club bringing our total to 103. Please welcome our newest members:

James Driggers, Ocean Pines, Sponsored by Robert Grimm

Debby Fischer, Ocean City, Sponsored by Doug Fischer

Ushering – Melva Dorman

The Club volunteers just completed Ushering at “Artrageous” event this past week. We thank all those members that assisted in the show.

Our next Ushering opportunity will be for the performance of Fiddler on The Roof, November 13th.

Remember that the Club receives credits toward the Boat Show for every hour we provide services during events.

Check out the Performing Arts Website to learn more about each event.
<https://ocmdperformingartscenter.com/upcoming-events>

Please call Melva at (260) 224-9066 if you are interested in Volunteering.

Volunteer information:

Wear white shirt and dark pants. (No optimist shirts).

Wear your Optimist Club name tag; if you do not have one, please let Melva know.

We will provide a Vest for you to wear to identify yourself as a Volunteer.

After half-time you can leave or join the show.

Typically, the Volunteers meet about an hour prior to show start time. Melva will confirm for each event.

VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF THESE CONVENTION CENTER PERFORMANCES & ENJOY THE SHOW!



Fiddler on the Roof
NOVEMBER 13, 2022

 [Buy Tickets](#) |  [Learn More](#)



Bill Engvall "Here's Your Sign - It's Finally Time" The Farewell Tour
NOVEMBER 19, 2022

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Hairspray
NOVEMBER 30, 2022

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Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra
DECEMBER 4, 2022

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R.E.S.P.E.C.T. - A Celebration of the Music of Aretha Franklin
MARCH 21, 2023

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Oratorical Contest – Sharon Sorrentino, Chairperson

The 2022-2023 Oratorical Contest is underway!
With this year's topic as "Discovering the Optimism within Me," it promises to be another exciting year of speeches.

The 2022-2023 Oratorical Applications have been emailed to Worcester County Schools.

I am anticipating a large number of participants and will need many volunteers. I will be sending emails to past volunteers but if you would like to volunteer, please contact me at sharon.sorrentino@yahoo.com.

The Club Level Contests will be in March. (I will be in touch with Lynne Barton to confirm dates)

The Zone Contest (if we have one) will be in April.

The District Contest will be May 6

More details to follow!

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Board of Education.

Last year the Club donated \$25,000 to the BOE for creation of their Imagination Studios. Due to Covid restrictions the ribbon cutting ceremony was postponed and this past week the Club was presented with a plaque from BOE during their Board meeting. The space is a state-of-the-art professional development center.



Board of Education President Elena McComas, Roger Pacella, Christina Dolomount Brown and Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor.



Annual Club Christmas Party Bill Hickey

Cost per person \$40.00, Non-members welcome at \$50.00

Please contact Charlie Smith with your requested reservations via email
Optimistcads@aol.com, or phone 410-641-6746.



Save the Date
December 15 2022

Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club Christmas Party

Ocean Pines Yacht Club
1 Mumford Landing, Ocean Pines
5:30 - 9:30

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres 5:30
Dinner served at 6:30
Choice of 3 selections,
Filet mignon, Crab Cake
or Roasted Salmon

Entertainment provided by
The Frank Nanna Group
Special presentation of
Christmas Show 2022

Please remember that once you have committed to the reservation the Club will be charged for your dinner if you do not show. We would love to see you there!

40th Annual Seaside



Admission
Adults \$10
Children \$1 (under 14)

BOAT SHOW

Sponsored by the Ocean City, Berlin Optimist Club



February 17-19, 2023

**Roland E. Powell Convention Center
Ocean City, Maryland**

ocboatshow.com

Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-6pm
Sunday 10am-4pm



Friend of Youth

The Boat Show That Works For Kids!



**Boat Show
GIVEAWAY**

**north bay
marina**
Win a Boat & Motor
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November Dinner Meeting, American Legion
Thursday, Nov 3rd, 5:15pm Social, 6pm Dinner Meeting

November Board Meeting, Ocean Pines Library
Thursday, November 10th, 6pm

December Christmas Party
Thursday, December 15th

Early February, Essay Contest entries to be submitted. Dates to be confirmed.

February 17th – 19th. 40th Annual Boat Show

February 28th, Deadline for Essay Contest Entries from our Club to the District.

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.