

# OCEAN CITY BERLIN OPTIMIST CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022

## OPTIMISTS – BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS

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- **Officers:**

- President Bill Hickey 410-641-5948
- Vice President George Solyak 717-723-6507
- Vice President Christina Dolomount Brown 561-289-6801
- Past President Charles Smith
- Secretary Roger Pacella 410-641-8283
- Treasurer Joe Hammen 410-208-4304
- Sgt. At Arms Ernie Walton 443-669-4666
- Board; Charlie Dorman, Walt Lischak, Melva Middleton, Sharon Sorrentino

## **President's Message – Bill Hickey**

February was a busy month for the Club. We wrapped up our most successful Boat Show ever, held the Art Contest, Essay Contest, and are moving into our Oratorical Contest. We welcomed 7 new members into our fold.

We look forward to the events on our calendar for this upcoming month.

Hope to see you at our April meeting

*Bill Hickey*

## **Election of Officers**

We have started our Election of Officers process. Charlie Dorman is heading our Election Committee. Voting will be held via mail-in ballot. All members will receive their ballots, along with a return envelope. Only the official Club ballots will be counted. Our schedule is as follows:

- Nominations for all positions will close March 31st.
- Ballots will be mailed out April 1st.
- Ballots must be returned in the Club addressed envelope postmarked by April 30. No ballots will be accepted at the meeting.
- Ballots will be opened and tallied at the May Dinner meeting.

Nominations are being taken for the following positions:

- President
- Two Vice Presidents
- Three Board members

Please contact Charlie Dorman if you wish to place your name forward on the ballot. 443-880-3602.

## **Fifty Years as A Club – Charles Smith**

We will celebrate 50 years as a Club on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The current plans include:

6:00 to 7:00 Social Hour. Hor d'oeuvres and live music.

7:00 to 7:30 Program

- Dr Tammy Donoway
- Lou Taylor
- Presentations of Past Presidents
- Club Honor Roll.
- Proclamations from various levels of government

7:30 to Finish Dinner and Social with music

Eastern Shore Buffet: fried chicken, shrimp, and ham

Trista Harner will sing the National Anthem

Cost; \$35 per includes tax and tip: cash bar

Tables seat 6 and reservations taken, larger groups seated at adjacent table.

Pay at the door.

Charlie Smith will take reservations at meetings or call at

641-6746, email to [optimistcds@aol.com](mailto:optimistcds@aol.com)

## **Dinner Call Committee – Charles Smith**

Our April dinner is on the 7<sup>th</sup> at the Legion. Please note that last month we changed our meeting time to start earlier to allow more members to attend.

- **Social at 5:15, Dinner 6pm.**

Dinner will include Fried Chicken, Salad, Rolls and Dessert.

We hope to have some Guests from the February Art & Essay Contest join us.

Please respond to your contact and let's have a nice crowd.



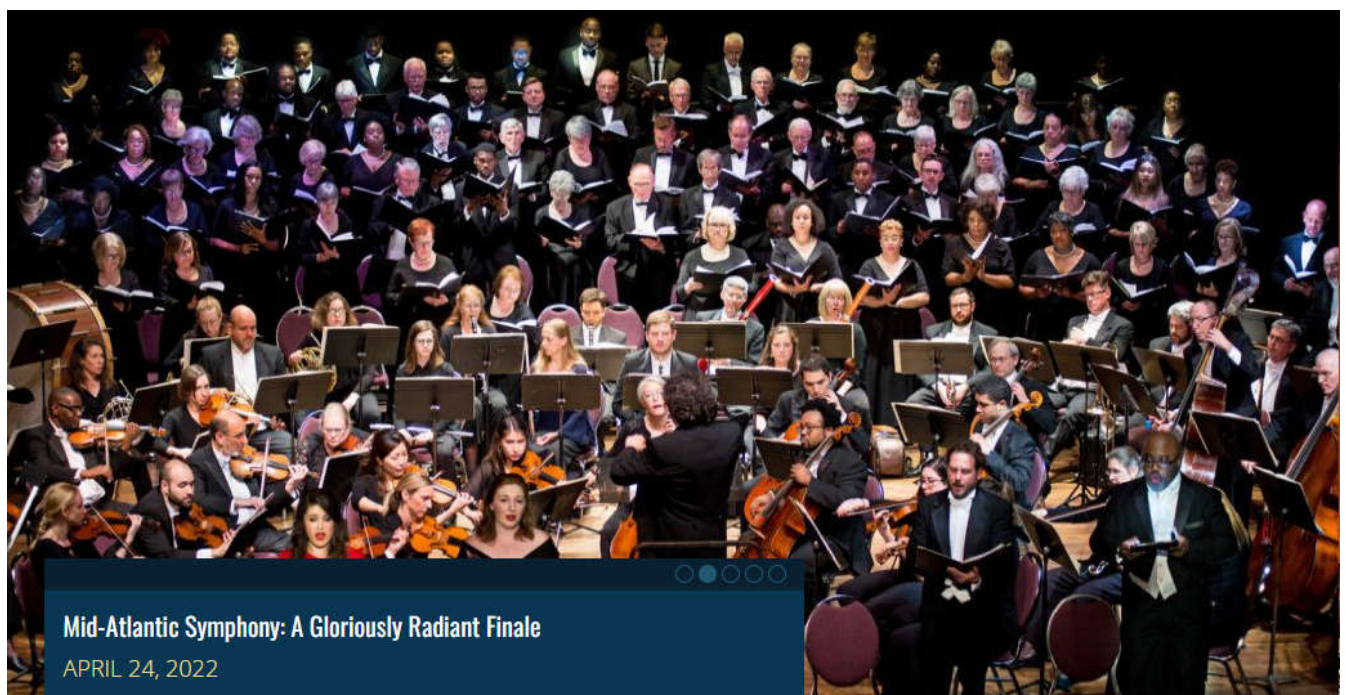
*The Optimist Creed*

P R O M I S E   Y O U R S E L F

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and **TOO HAPPY** to permit the presence of trouble.

**Ushering & Sunshine Committee – Melva Dorman**

We have the following upcoming shows that will require member support for Ushering at The Convention Center.



If you are interested in participating in any events, please call Melva at (260) 224-9066.

If you are aware of any Members that are not feeling well, please let us know so that we can reach out to them!

## Membership – Roger Pacella

We have seven additional members at our March Board meeting, bring our total to 99!

We welcome the following and look forward to having them as part of our Club.

- Cheryl Wheatley, Bishopville.
- Cheryl Lynn Brown, Berlin
- Jodi Popielaski, Bishopville
- Mike Popielaski, Bishopville
- Angela Short, Berlin
- Chris Short, Berlin
- Chris Thomas, Ocean Pines

We are close to breaking the 100 mark and continue to encourage members to invite neighbors, friends, and co-workers to consider joining us in helping the kids!

We are Club # 33211, Zone 2 in the Maryland South Delaware District of the Mid-Atlantic Region of Optimist International.



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**Club Directory, by District/Zone**

by Country by District by Region

District Maryland - South Delaware (33 MDSD)

State of Maryland; State of Delaware; the portion south of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal  
<http://www.mdsdoptimist.org>

Optimist Clubs

**Zone: 1 (Lt. Governor: Julie Zebroski)**

Club #	Club Name	City	State/Province	Club's Web Page
33073	Cumberland Valley, Md	Cumberland	Maryland; USA	
33090	Frederick, Md	Frederick	Maryland; USA	
33095	Carroll County-Freedom Dist, Md	Carroll County	Maryland; USA	
33097	Westminster-Gamber-Smallwood, Md	Westminster	Maryland; USA	
33250	Reisterstown-Owings Mills, Md	Reisterstown	Maryland; USA	

**Zone: 2**

Club #	Club Name	City	State/Province	Club's Web Page
33211	Ocean City-Berlin, Md	Ocean City	Maryland; USA	
33265	Salisbury, Md	Salisbury	Maryland; USA	
33339	Easton-Talbot, Md	Easton	Maryland; USA	
33350	Kent Island-Queen Anne'S County, Md	Kent Island	Maryland; USA	
33351	Caroline, Md	Denton	Maryland; USA	
33353	Sussex County, De	Lewes	Delaware; USA	

Mid-Atlantic Region				District's Web Page
#	Abbr	District Name		
02	AC	Atlantic Central		
03	KYVV	Kentucky - West Virginia		
16	CAPVA	Capital - Virginia		
33	MDSD	Maryland - South Delaware		
43	NCE	North Carolina East		
44	NCW	North Carolina West		
93	MAT	Mid-Atlantic Region		

## **Oratorical Contest – Sharon Sorrentino**

### Oratorical Report - "Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times"

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with this year's contest. We are "moving along."

However, there are two "bumps" in the road. I need a timekeeper for the Club's finals contest on Thursday, March 31, and a timekeeper for the Zone contest on Tuesday, April 5. Both contests are at Stephen Decatur Middle School. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP. If you can help, I will email all the information you need prior to the contest.

### Contest Information

The Club's Preliminary Contest is set for Tuesday, March 29 at 6:00 at Stephen Decatur Middle School. There are 32 students from Snow Hill Middle School, Stephen Decatur Middle and High Schools, and Worcester Preparatory Middle School competing in this year's contest. Each participant will receive a certificate of participation.

The Club's Finals Contest is set for Thursday, March 31 at 6:00 at Stephen Decatur Middle School. There will be 4 students competing. One winner from each of the 4 preliminary contest rooms.

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive medallions and an award check. The first and second winners from our finals contest will be eligible to compete in the Zone Contest.

The Zone Contest will be held on Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00 at Stephen Decatur Middle School. The contestants this year will be from Wicomico and Worcester County. Sussex County is not participating in the oratorical contest this year. I'm waiting to hear from Talbot County. The winner of this contest will receive an Oratorical Contest Zone Winner Plaque engraved with the winner's name. The winner is eligible to compete in the District Contest.

The District Contest will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 2:00-3:30 at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City. Our club is providing lunch and 3 judges for this competition. The winner of this competition is eligible to compete in the 2022 Oratorical World Championship in St Louis, MO.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 29 at 6:00, Oratorical Preliminary, SDMS

Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Oratorical Club Finals, SDMS,

Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Oratorical Zone Contest, SDMS

### **April Dinner Meeting**

Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, 5:15 Social, 6pm Dinner

### **April Board Meeting**

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Ocean Pine Community Center, 6pm

### **Deadline for postmarked returned Ballots**

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday, April 30, Oratorical District Contest, Carousel Hotel, 2:00-3:30

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club Dinner, American Legion, 6pm

May Dinner Meeting & Election Results, Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

American Legion, 5:15pm Social, 6pm Dinner

May Board Meeting, Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>

Ocean Pines Community Center, 6pm

## 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.