



# THE NORTHENDER



February, 2010



## MECHANICSVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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## MDSO DISTRICT Zone 5



## MEETINGS FIRST AND THIRD

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.  
AT THE PARLETT FARM  
SECRETARY: DEBBIE STONE  
(301) 884-2538



## YESTERDAY'S NEWS

**Board of Directors Meeting, January 20, 2010:** The meeting was called to order. A reminder of the upcoming poker tournament schedule was given. Our Zone is will host the Hospitality Room at the Second District Meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel in Waldorf Md. The attendance Banner will be given during the closing session on Saturday evening. The Annual Chili Cook off will be on February 11 at HVFD. If you bring a Chili for judging you must provide the judges. You may bring other food such as sides or desserts. Seventh District will be holding a Turkey Shoot on February 21. The NOW Dinner will be held on February 24 at MVFD. Winners of the Essay Contest will be reading their essays and be presented with awards. Festivities begin at 6:30. There will be a Shop with a Cop fund raiser at the Moose Lodge sometime in March. The date will be determined.

**Our Action date is set for March 13** at MVFD. Set up for the Auction will be Friday evening March 12. Please contact Terri (301/884-8082) if you have auction items or need flyers for distribution. The Auction will be held on March 13 at 9:00 a.m. with a yard sale beginning at 7:00. Help will be needed to set up and to assist with the event and concessions.

We will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oyster Scald on March 28. The Board discussed hosting the event at MVFD to help raise money for Willie Wilkerson who is going to be the President of the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Leonardtown. All are welcomed to attend the next Zone Meeting on April 19.

**Fantasy Night will be held on May 15.** We need to start promoting the event and selling tickets now. This will be our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of commemorative gifts for attendees. Tickets will be \$110/couple. There are a few new incentives this year for our Texas Hold'Em players. So that we can start on time for registering early, an extra chip of \$500.00 will be given those who register 15 minutes prior to start of games. To encourage people to become continual players, a pot will be formed and over a three game period (three nights). The person who has the most points will win this pot. The biggest change to occur to this fund raiser is we are lowering the buy in, but with an option to buy more chips. So now instead of \$75.00 it is \$60.00 with a chance to buy an extra \$20.00 of chips. The larger game is \$120.00 buy in and a chance to buy more chips at the cost of \$40.00.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 3: Board of Directors Meeting**

7:00 PM at the Parlett's

**February 5-6: District Meeting**

Clarion Hotel, Waldorf

**February 11: Chili Cook Off**

6:30 PM at Hollywood VFD

**February 24: NOW Dinner, Club Meeting & Essay Winners**

**Bring a new member!!**

6:30 PM at MVFD

**February 28: 7<sup>th</sup> District Annual Dinner**

12:00 Noon -Until at MVFD

**February 26: Texas Hold'Em Tournament**

7:00 PM

at MVFD

**March 13: Annual Auction**  
MVFD

7:00 AM Yard Sale

9:00 AM Auction

Setup on March 12th

**May 15: Fantasy Night**

6:30 PM at MVFD



Bobby Parlett needs help beginning in May. He serves the kids Hot Dog, bag of chips and Soda. He will need help with registration cooking and whatever else he can think of. Elections are quickly approaching and we will need to begin developing a ballot. Positions open include:

President 2010-2011

Incoming President 2011-2012

Two Vice Presidents

Three Board Members

Our storage box is almost at full capacity and we will need to look into another purchasing an additional one. A discussion was held on the model needed. Elliot will research.

The Lt. Governor is requesting funds for Vacations for Vets, a program which he is sponsoring. There is a possibility of doing a fundraiser (coordinated by the Lt. Governor) for this group.

Elliot thanked all those who helped with the food baskets and shopping to make some families Christmas a whole lot brighter.

The February Board meeting has been moved to the February 3 at 7:00. Reminder... a meal is served at each meeting. The meats are provided by the Club and cooked by our resident Griller Bobby Parlett. Sides and desserts are provided by those members attending. Members were asked to remember Debbie and Billy Stone. Debbie is having some procedures done and is out of commission for a while. The meeting was closed and the Creed was recited by all those present.

### **AUCTION UPDATE:**

The Auction will be held **March 13, 2008 at MVFD**. The Yard Sale will begin at 7:00 a.m, followed with a viewing of auction items. The auction will begin at 9:00 a.m. ITEMS, ITEMS, are needed. I have

begging letters if you need to give to a merchant. The only way the auction is going to be a success is if each one of us donates items. If you don't like to ask people, then think of purchasing something as a donation. Also, clean out your closets, sheds, basement, drawers, and cabinets for items for the yard sale. This is such an easy thing to do!!

We have a committee formed and met on January 24. A lot of great ideas have been formed and put into place. **Our next meeting will be February 13 at 7:00 at the Palmer Residence.** If you could not come for the first meeting come for the second or contact Terri (301/884-8082) with your ideas. Flyers are available. Please contact Terri for copies.

**TEXAS HOLD'EM:** The Texas Hold'Em Tournaments have been scheduled for the year. There are plenty of ways to plug in. Dealers and other help is always needed. If you don't want to deal you could be part of the registration table or helping with the bar, setting up or taking down. EASY work for only a few hours. The 2010 schedule is as follows:

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, SATURDAY MARCH 13, FRIDAY APRIL 23,  
FRIDAY MAY 21, FRIDAY JULY 30, FRIDAY AUGUST 27  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25, FRIDAY OCTOBER 22, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF:** February 11 is our 5th Annual Chili Cook-off Competition at the Hollywood Fire Department Social Hall. Tune up your favorite chili recipe, or bring something else, since it is a pot-luck affair. See you there.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE:** To All, Please find the adjusted itinerary for the district conference on February 5th & 6<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Clarion Hotel (Formerly the Holiday Inn) in Waldorf. We need to show a strong force at this event. Please RSVP to Elliott (240-427-8909) ASAP. The agenda is:

**Friday night**

Executive meeting  
Hospitality Room

**Saturday**

- 7:30am Hospitality room will have coffee, bagels and donuts
  - Business session in AM with 2 speakers
    - Deli Lunch
- Afternoon session - Dennis Lane and I will show 2 films (good Ones) and pass on some important info
- Close - Foundation and CCC Poker run (in hotel) Fun for all with first prize \$50.00 gift, second prize Monty Carlo racing T-shirt ( bought in France) with bottle non-alcoholic drink, third prize sports car.

**HUMOR?**

A Texan being tried on a murder charge in New York felt that he couldn't get a fair trial there so he bribed one of the jurors to find him guilty of a lesser charge, manslaughter. The jury was out for several days before they finally returned a manslaughter verdict. Afterwards, the Texan took the juror that he bribed aside, thanked him and asked how he managed to convince the others of the lesser crime.

"Well, it was pretty tough," said the juror. "The others wanted to acquit you."

**POINTS TO PONDER**

Let no feeling of discouragement prey upon you, and in the end you are sure to succeed.

*-Abraham Lincoln*

The more elaborate our means of communication, the less we communicate. - *Joseph Priestly*

# Mechanicsville Optimist Club in the News



## It's a bumpy ride

*The Enterprise Newspaper*  
*(Staff photo by Reid Silverman)*  
Friday, January 15, 2010:

Samuel Wathen, 4, of Mechanicsville steers a train made of plastic building bricks Monday at the Charlotte Hall library's creations program. The Mechanicsville Optimist Club and other library patrons donated bricks for the program.

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## DONATION FOR LEGO PROGRAM

*The County Times*  
Thursday, January 7, 2010:



*Elliot Lawrence of the Mechanicsville Optimist Club presented Catherine DiCristofaro, Children's Librarian at Charlotte Hall, a check to purchase LEGOs for the upcoming LEGO program to be held at Charlotte Hall. The program will be January 11 at 6 p.m. Children 6-12 can register.*

### BIRTHDAYS

**Feb. 1** - Ann Davis.

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Feb. 7** - Wayne & Judy Copsey  
**Feb. 11** - Gail & Marian Murdock

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If there are any news items that you would like to include in the newsletter, please call me at 884-3628.  
Dennis

# **TEXAS HOLD-EM TOURNAMENT MECHANICSVILLE FIRE HOUSE**

We listened to your comments and made several changes to our events, which should allow us to start on time & make the game much more enjoyable for the player.

## **3 NEW FEATURES FOR 2010:**

- **1 TIME ADD- ON FOR \$2000 IN CHIPS**
- **SHOW UP EARLY & GET AN EXTRA \$500 CHIP**
- **WINTER TOURNAMENT POINTS SERIES**

## **75% PAYOUTS!**

## **REAL POKER TABLES**

**Mechanicsville Fire Dept 28165 Hills Club Rd Mechanicsville MD 20659**

**WE HAVE 2 TOURNAMENTS ON SAME NIGHT:**

**7 PM \$120 BUY IN WITH \$40 ADD-ON & 8 PM \$60 BUY IN WITH \$20 ADD-ON**

*7 PM \$120 MAIN EVENT: \$120 BUY-IN FOR \$4000 STARTING STACK, WITH A 1 TIME \$40 ADD-ON FOR \$2000 IN CHIPS, REGISTER BY 6:45 PM FOR AN EXTRA \$500 CHIP, PLAY BEGINS AT 7 PM WITH ITS OWN SET OF CHIPS & COMPUTER SEATING, EARN POINTS TOWARD 3 EVENT SERIES CHAMP, DEALER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE FINAL TABLE.*

*8 PM \$60 TOURNAMENT: \$60 BUY-IN FOR \$4000 STARTING STACK, WITH A 1 TIME \$20 ADD-ON FOR \$2000 IN CHIPS, REGISTER BY 7:45 PM FOR AN EXTRA \$500 CHIP, PLAY BEGINS AT 8 PM WITH ITS OWN SET OF CHIPS & COMPUTER SEATING, EARN POINTS TOWARD 3 EVENT SERIES CHAMP, DEALER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE FINAL TABLE.*

**EARLY REGISTRATION:** ANY PLAYER REGISTERED BY 6:45 PM FOR THE \$120 TOURNAMENT OR 7:45 PM FOR THE \$60 WILL RECEIVE A BONUS \$500 CHIP FOR THEIR TOURNAMENT.

**ADD-ON:** THERE IS AN OPTIONAL 1 TIME ADD-ON FOR \$2000 IN CHIPS, WHICH MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO THE PLAYER BEING SEATED. LATE ENTRIES CAN PURCHASE THE ADD-ON. 75% OF THE ADD-ONS WILL GO TOWARD PRIZE POOL & 25% GOES TO THE CHARITIES.

**WINTER POINTS SERIES:** WE WILL HAVE A POINTS SERIES OVER THE FIRST 3 EVENTS IN 2010, JANUARY 22 2010, FEBRUARY 26, 2010 & MARCH 13, 2010. WE WILL PAY \$5 PER PLAYER ENTERED IN THE 7 PM \$120 MAIN EVENT AND \$2.50 PER PLAYER IN THE 8 PM \$60 TOURNAMENT OVER THOSE 3 DATES. EACH PLAYER WILL GET 1 POINT FOR EVERY PLAYER THAT GOES OUT BEFORE THEM, AND THE TOTAL OVER THE 3 TOURNAMENTS WILL BE ADDED TO DETERMINE THE WINTER CHAMPION FOR EACH BUY-IN.

**PAYOUTS:** WE WILL PAYOUT 75% OF THE ENTRY FEES & ADD-ONS COLLECTED. WE WILL PAY, AT A MINIMUM, THE TOP 10% FOR EACH EVENT, NORMALLY WE PAY THE TOP 15-20% OF PLAYERS IN EACH TOURNAMENT.

**LATE ENTRIES:** LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ADDED UNTIL THE FIRST BREAK FOR EACH TOURNAMENT.

*ENTRY FEE INCLUDES: OPEN BAR, COMPUTER SEATING, REAL POKER TABLES, CUSTOM CHIPS, BIG SCREEN DISPLAY. \$4000 STARTING STACK, \$25/\$50 STARTING BLINDS RAISES EVERY 25 MINUTES. WE WILL PROVIDE DEALERS FOR EACH FINAL TABLE. NO PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY, WE CAN HANDLE OVER 200 PLAYERS, PAY CASH AT DOOR, CASH TABLES AVAILABLE, \$10 SPECTATOR FEE FOR NON-PLAYERS & FOOD AVAILABLE.*

*\*THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE SPLIT 50/50 BETWEEN THE MECHANICSVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB, AND THE MECHANICSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT LADIES AUX.*

**MECHANICSVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB & MECHANICSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY**

**2010 TEXAS HOLD-EM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, SATURDAY MARCH 13, FRIDAY APRIL 23, FRIDAY MAY 21,  
FRIDAY JULY 30, FRIDAY AUGUST 27, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25, FRIDAY OCTOBER 22, Friday, November 26,**

For more information, Email: [mechpoker@yahoo.com](mailto:mechpoker@yahoo.com)



# Mechanicsville Optimist Club



*proudly presents the 25th Annual*

# FANTASY NIGHT



Saturday, May 15, 2010

6:30 P.M.

Mechanicsville VFD Social Hall  
Mechanicsville, MD

**25 Prizes Totaling  
\$7,400 in  
CASH!!!**



Enjoy a Buffet Dinner, Open Bar and  
Dance the Night Away with the Musical Sounds of

## ROADHOUSE

*Only 200 tickets will be sold!! Every 10<sup>th</sup> Ticket Drawn is a Winner!!*

For Ticket Information Contact:






Dennis Reed  
301-884-3628

Elliott Lawrence  
240-427-4909

Paul Colonna  
301-884-4906

[www.mechanicsvilleoptimist.org](http://www.mechanicsvilleoptimist.org)

# FEBRUARY 2010

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1  HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANN DAVIS	2	3  BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:00 PM AT THE PARLETT'S		5  <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">DISTRICT MEETING CLARION HOTEL IN WALDORF</div>	6
7  HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WAYNE & JUDY COPSEY	8	9	10	11  HAPPY ANNIVERSARY GAIL & MARION MURDOCK  ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF HOLLYWOOD VFD 6:30 PM	12	13  HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!! 
14  HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!! 	 15  HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY!!!	16	17  NOW DINNER MEETING 6:30 PM @ CRABBY RICKS	18	19	20
21	22	23	24  NOW DINNER MEETING & ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS 6:00PM @ MVFD	25	26  TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT MVFD GAME SEATING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM	27
28  7 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT DINNER MVFD 12:00 Noon Until	 <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: red; margin: 0 20px;">MECHANICSVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB</span> 					

# *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.**

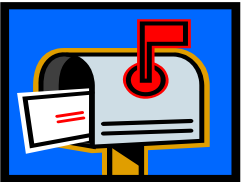
**TO forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.**

**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.**

## *Address Service Requested*



**Mechanicsville Optimist Club  
P.O. Box 301  
Mechanicsville, MD 20659**



*Happy Valentine's Day*