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# Annapolis Optimists celebrate 40 years



State Police Cpl. Ed Eicher and honoree Trooper Adam Peris with Bonnie Hitzelberger, president of the Annapolis Optimist Club.

The Annapolis Optimist Club celebrated 40 years of service to the community and honored city, county and state law enforcement and emergency service personnel during the club's annual Respect for Law dinner on April 24

During the past 40 years the Optimist Club has sponsored youth sports, Shop with a Cop, essay and oratorical contests, Respect for Law, Youth Appreciation, fire prevention, Youth in Government and supported Boy Scouts to name a few programs. Continuing the mission of Optimist International the club provides hope and positive vision by "bringing out the best in kids"

For more information about the Optimist Club visit [www.annapolisoptimist.org](http://www.annapolisoptimist.org).

*Photos by Colleen Dugan*



Mandy Jones, at left, with county Fire Department Lt. Shawn Jones, who was honored, and Battalion Chief Matthew Tobia.



Sheriff's Department Sgt. Chris Rhodes, at left, honoree Deputy Sheriff Brian Andre and Ron Jarashow of the Annapolis Optimist Club.



Optimist Club charter member David Earle, with the club for 40 years, and Bonnie Hitzelberger, club president, cut the special cake marking the occasion.

