



## Optimistically Speaking

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October, 2011



### Spotlight on Upcoming Events



- October 5 Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant  
6:45 - Meet and Greet  
7:30 - Dinner  
Program: 2011-2012 Board of Directors Installation
- October 8 Farmers Market  
131 Church Street NE - Vienna, VA  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- October 12 Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. - Weichert Realtors  
156 Maple Ave. - Vienna
- October 15 Farmers Market  
131 Church Street NE - Vienna, VA  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- October 19 Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant  
6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet  
7:30 p.m. - Dinner  
Program: TBD
- October 22 Farmers Market  
131 Church Street NE - Vienna, VA  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- October 26 Vienna Halloween Parade
- October 29 Last Farmers Market  
131 Church Street NE - Vienna, VA  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

#### 2011-2012 Board of Directors Installation



Come join us the evening of October 5th for the Installation of the Board of Directors for the 2011-2012 Optimist Year. Our own Past Governor TR Cook will be presiding for the Installation. Let's get the new Optimist Year off to a roaring start by showing our support and showing up for the first meeting of the new year. Don't forget to bring a friend.  
**Remember: our social hour will begin at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. -- mark your calendar!**



100% and then some...



**Come Join Us!!**

**Capital-Virginia  
1st Quarter District  
Meeting**

**November 11 - 13, 2011  
Charlottesville, VA**



## Note from the Prez . . .



Congratulations to Bob and Sara for guiding us to another smashing success with our “Optimist/Growing Hope” fundraiser. It was also great to see the many members who pitched in and helped with set-up and take-down, registration, raffle, moon bounce, dunk tank (thanks Richard) and other activities– including food! It was a day when we all got together and “made our optimism come true!”

*President Walt*

Thought for  
the day. . .



You're the happiest  
when you're making the greatest  
contribution.



The day has arrived.



Even got the President working.





Richard gets wet.

## 6th Annual Walk & Family Fun Day for Growing Hope September 24, 2011



Cowboy Hay entertains with his singing and variety of instruments.



The face painting lady at work.



Showing the sign on Maple Avenue.



What is the balloon lady making?



Members of Madison High School Robotics Team demonstrate their robot.

### Partners In Education




Dick Gongaware (VP Youth) presents plaque to Madison High School's Teacher of the Year, Michael Hackbarth.




Dick Gongaware (VP Youth) congratulates Marshall High School's Teacher of the Year, Barbara Brown.

 **Optimist Anniversaries**

Dave Frost	25 years
Jim Radja	25 years
Jim Houston	18 years
George Mills	12 years
Ed Moore	12 years

 **Happy Birthday**

October	9 Sara Goldberg
	22 Jim Stevens
	25 Richard Plocica
	31 Tom Bauer
	31 Walt Petersen



The race is not always to the swift . . . but to those who keep on running.







## Board Actions at a Glance

The Board of Directors met on September 9, 2011 with 13 members present. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- ◆ Discussed the status of planning and preparations for the Walk and Family Fun Day for Growing Hope to be held on September 24th.
- ◆ Discussed participation and the need for volunteers for the kid's Halloween Party at the Vienna Community Center on October 22 and the Vienna Halloween Parade on October 26.
- ◆ Approved a donation to support the James Madison High School track team's Warhawk 5K.
- ◆ Approved a donation of a Christmas tree to support a fundraiser at St. Mark School.
- ◆ Approved a donation to the Vienna United White soccer team for their help on the tree lot during the upcoming sales season.

## Officers and Board 2011-12



<b>President</b>	<b>Walt Petersen</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Jim Houston</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Tom Fraim</b>
<b>President Elect</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<b>Tom Fraim</b>
<b>VP Community</b>	<b>Sara Goldberg</b>
<b>VP Finance</b>	<b>Tom Spengler</b>
<b>VP Media Relations</b>	<b>Tom Bauer</b>
<b>VP Membership</b>	<b>Jodi Weier</b>
<b>VP Youth</b>	<b>Mike Fitzella</b>
<b>Director of Community</b>	<b>Michele Wright</b>
<b>Director of Media Relations</b>	<b>Gladys Kozlik</b>
<b>Director of Membership</b>	<b>Jim Pammel</b>
<b>Director of Youth</b>	<b>Jim Stivison</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Gary Moonan</b>

## Volunteers Needed !!

### Farmers Market

Saturdays - 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.                      9:30 - 12:30 noon



**\*Check Club Website**  
**\*Contact Dave Lanphear**  
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### Vienna Caboose

**Oct. 15, Nov. 12 and Nov. 28**



**\*Check Club Website**  
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### 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 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.

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