

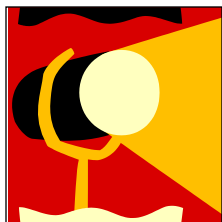


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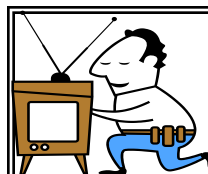
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Spotlight on Upcoming Events

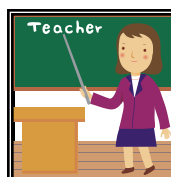


- September 7 Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant
6:45 - Meet and Greet
7:30 - Dinner
Program: TV Industry and the Fall Schedule
- September 10 Farmers Market
131 Church Street NE - Vienna, VA
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- September 14 Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. - Weichert Realtors
156 Maple Ave. - Vienna
- September 16-18 4th Quarter Capital Virginia District Meeting & Convention- Virginia Beach
- September 17 Farmers Market
131 Church Street NE - Vienna, VA
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- September 21 Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant
6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet
7:30 p.m. - Dinner
Program: Partners In Education
- September 24 Annual Walk & Fun Day for Growing Hope- Vienna Town Green
9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
- Farmers Market
131 Church Street NE - Vienna, VA
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- Vienna Caboose
Centennial Park- Vienna, VA
1:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.



Speaker: Walt Petersen
The TV Industry and the Fall Schedule

Come join us the evening of September 7th as we hear about an industry that touches each of our lives daily. President-Elect Walt Petersen will give us some insights into the TV industry and what we can expect for the new Fall season. **Remember: our social hour will begin at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. -- mark your calendar!**



Partners in Education Honors Teachers

Come join us the evening of Wednesday, September 21, (rescheduled from June 1st) as we honor three outstanding teachers from James Madison High School, George C. Marshall High School, and Oakton High School as our **2011 Partners in Education**. This program, planned by Dick Gongaware (Vice-President of Youth) provides us with the opportunity to recognize outstanding teachers in our community. So, please plan to join us for this program to honor those who "make a difference" in the lives of our youth. **Remember: our social hour will begin at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. -- mark your calendar!**





Message from the Prez . . .



I can't believe that this Optimist Year is nearly over. As I look back over the past eleven months, we should all be proud of the continuing great work this Club does for the youth in our community. Whether it's recognizing outstanding high school seniors with the Carol Waite Brennan Scholarship Awards, conducting the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for 5th and 6th grade students at the Camelot Center, recognizing the achievements of local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, celebrating the accomplishments of high school juniors with the Youth Awards of Excellence, presenting Helping Hands Awards to 6th grade students for outstanding service to their class, school, or community, conducting Essay and Oratorical contests for middle school and high school students, recognizing outstanding teachers with the Partners In Education Program, or honoring outstanding law enforcement officers with the Charles A. Robinson Respect for Law Program, the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna does make a difference in the lives of the youth in the community. In addition to these programs, the Club honors numerous requests for funds to help youth sports teams and to sponsor school activities to name a couple. A major service project which involves a significant amount of time, is managing the Vienna Farmers Market from May through October and also manning the Vienna Caboose so kids and even parents can visualize the life of a trainman; both of these are very time demanding but provide a great service to the greater Vienna community.

The new Optimist Year which begins October 1st will bring new challenges and opportunities for all of us to get involved and make a difference in the lives of the youth in the greater Vienna community. This is a team effort and each of us has a responsibility as a member of this Club to contribute to whatever extent possible so the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna remains the best club in all of Optimism. I thank each and every one of you for your support during this Optimist Year and ask that you support President Walt as he begins his year on October 1st.

President Tom

New Members Welcome: As of the end of August the Club has added eight new regular members and three Friend of Optimists for a total of eleven. Our goal for this Optimist Year is eighteen. We still have a ways to go but the goal is certainly within reach. Now is the time; if you know of someone who would make a good Optimist, bring him/her to the next meeting. For those who don't feel they have the time to become a regular member, Friend of Optimists (FOO) is an option. As a FOO an individual has all the rights and privileges of a regular member with the exception of voting. This includes a membership card, four issues of *The Optimist* magazine and a frameable copy of the Optimist Creed.

**Thought for the
day . . .**



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



Come Join Us!!

**Capital-Virginia
4th Quarter District Meeting
& Convention**

September 16 - 18, 2011

**Wyndham Hotel
Virginia Beach Oceanfront
(757) 428-7025**



Annual Walk & Family Fun Day for Growing Hope Planning Committee hard as work.



6th Annual Walk & Fun Day for Growing Hope

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Come join us!!

Wilhemina the giraffe is our first donation and may become our "mascot" for the kids.



Sean giving his hard earned money to Sara Goldberg for the Childhood Cancer Campaign as Wilhemina looks on.



Bob McCormick who organized the first Walk for Growing Hope in 2006, speaks at the kick-off



Paula Lackey shares her story of how Growing Hope touched her family.

Some of the Many Activities:

- ▶ 3-mile Fundraising Walk;
- ▶ Food;
- ▶ Live Musical Entertainment;
- ▶ Fun Activities for the Whole Family;
- ▶ Face Painter;
- ▶ Balloon Artist;
- ▶ Silent Auction;
- ▶ Raffle Prizes;
- ▶ Free T-shirt for those who donate



Past President Sheryl Friedley presiding at her last Club meeting.



Guest speaker Matt Brooker describing his life after suffering a traumatic brain injury while a student at UVA.




Past President Sheryl Friedley presents Matt with a framed copy of the Optimist Creed.




Pat Hackerson and Sheryl Friedley sharing a moment. Thanks for all you have done for the Club, Sheryl.

 **Optimist Anniversaries**

Courtney Sargent	29 years
Barbara McHale	20 years
Bob McCormick	13 years
Kathy Georgen	9 years
Michael Montie	5 years
Sara Goldberg	4 years
Scott Klapot	3 years
Murali Darivemula	3 years
Teresa Lindsey	1 year

 **Happy Birthday**

September	2	Roland Finken
	13	Jack Barbee
	13	Mike Battaglia
	15	Jim Spain
	25	Teresa Lindsey



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 August 10, 2011 with 10 members present. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- ◆ Discussed the status of the new accounting firm which has taken over the Club's accounting/bookkeeping function.
- ◆ Discussed the status of planning and preparations for the Annual Walk & Family Fun Day for Growing Hope which will be held on September 24, 2011.
- ◆ Discussed plans for the rescheduled Partners in Education Program tentatively planned for September 21, 2011.
- ◆ Discussed results of the New Optimists Welcome (NOW) meeting held in June which added two Friend of Optimists.
- ◆ Discussed the issue of members who are significantly in arrears with their dues. Sponsors will be asked to contact those members and if necessary letters will be sent advising of possible Board of Directors action.
- ◆ Approved dropping Robyn Nobert (resignation) and Bob Albertson (health reasons) from the rolls.
- ◆ Reviewed acknowledgements for donations/recognition from the Vienna Little League, Committee for Helping Others (CHO), a Carol Waite Brennan scholarship recipient, and a Youth Awards of Excellence recipient.
- ◆ Approved a donation to the Vienna Community Center to support the kid's Halloween Party.

Officers and Board 2010-11



President	Tom Frain
Secretary	Jim Houston
Treasurer	Carla Brooks
President Elect	Walt Petersen
Immediate Past President/ Newsletter Editor	Sheryl Friedley
VP of Community	Sara Goldberg
VP of Finance	Jim Spain
VP of Media Relations	Tom Bauer
VP of Membership	Jodi Weier
VP of Youth	Dick Gongaware
Webmaster	Jim Radja

Directors

Director of Community	
Director of Media Relations	Pat Hackerson
Director of Membership	Jim Pammel
Director of Youth	Jim Stivison

Volunteers Needed !!



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

***Check Club Website**
***Contact Dave Lanphear**
dlanphear@gmail.com

Vienna Caboose

Sept. 24, Oct. 15, Nov. 12
and Nov. 28

***Check Club Website**
***Contact Dan Mulville**
dmulville@cox.net



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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