



Optimistically Speaking

December, 2012

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Spotlight on Upcoming Events



- December 5 Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant
6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet
7:30 p.m. - Dinner
Program: Speaker
- December 7 Pearl Harbor Day & Marshall HS Ethics Day
- December 8 Happy Hanukkah
- December 12 7:30 p.m. - Board Meeting
Vienna Town Hall
127 Center St., Vienna
- December 19 Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant
6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet
7:30 p.m. - Holiday Party
- December 23 Last Day of Tree Sales
- December 24 9 a.m. Tree Lot Clean-Up
- December 25 Merry Christmas
- December 31 Happy New Year

"The Mission & Role of the Terrorist Screening Center "TSC" in National Security"

Timothy Healy, TSC Director

Our December 5 meeting will feature a presentation by Timothy Healy, Director of the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center ("TSC"). The TSC, which has its headquarters here in Vienna, maintains the "Terrorist Watch List—a single database of identifying information about those known or reasonably suspected of being involved in terrorist activity." Director Healy will discuss the TSC's mission and role in national security.

Remember: our social hour will begin at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner and the program at 7:30 p.m. -- mark your calendar!

Holiday Dinner

On December 19 we will have our Holiday Party. A special buffet dinner of carved-to-order roast beef, salmon, side dishes and desserts, is planned. Guests are welcome! (Dinner for non-members will be \$45.) In addition to holiday music and great company, *there will be a special prize drawing for members who have worked on the Christmas tree lot.* So sign up now for multiple shifts on the lot and you could be a winner!

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Volunteer Opportunities

There's a continuing need for volunteers to man the **Christmas Tree Lot.** Tree sales continue through December 23rd and volunteers are still needed. So when your Team Captain asks please don't hesitate to volunteer your time in whatever way you can. Help will be needed with lot clean-up on December 24th as well.

From the President—

Dear Fellow Optimists,

In addition to being the time of holiday cheer, this is the season of lists—Top Ten Movies, Biggest News Events, and the ever-popular Gift Wish List. I like lists (they create the illusion of organization in my life!) so I will propose another one:

Top Five Reasons to Work at the Tree Lot

- To support the major fund-raising activity for our Club.
- To promote our Club by Optimistic interaction with the community.
- To enjoy time with fellow Club members.
- To share the work necessary to achieve our Club’s goals of helping kids.

To qualify for the special drawing at our Holiday Party, Dec. 19!

To recognize the vital contribution made by members who work at the Tree Lot, we will have a special prize drawing just for them at our annual Holiday Party. To be eligible, you must have worked or have committed to work on the lot this season, as of December 18. The more shifts you work, the more chances you have to win. (More fine print: You must be present at the Holiday Party to win, one prize per person.)

A few of our members are doing most of the work to make our tree sales happen; they are not motivated by prizes but by a commitment to the service our Club gives to the community. I want to thank them, and encourage all of us to do our share—and have some fun in the process.

So contact your Team Captain and sign up for some (more) shifts today!

See you on the tree lot.

Optimistically yours,
Laurie



Optimist Anniversaries

- Joe Bosco - 57 years
- Rich Ordeman – 34 years
- Roland Finken – 33 years
- Jerry Covell – 29 years
- Sheryl Friedley – 19 years
- Jack Barbee – 10 years
- Kelli Horner – 3 years
- Mark Horner – 3 years



- Dan Mulville – December 7
- Bill Doughten – December 16
- Les Carl – December 27
- AK Mohamed Yaseen – December 31



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

New Members Arriving & Old Members Departing

Matt Sterling is our newest member. Matt grew up in Springfield, VA and moved to Florida with his Mom & Dad several years ago. He recently returned to the Vienna area and is attending Northern Virginia Community College and will be transferring to Virginia Tech where he'll major in mechanical engineering. Matt is an Eagle Scout, enjoys scuba diving, and loves working with computers. Welcome aboard Matt.

Also joining the Club as a Friend of Optimist (FOO) are Harry Cole, husband of President Laurie Cole, and Tucker Cole, Laurie and Harry's son.

Unfortunately we must say farewell to long-time member Spence Shawkey who is moving to Florida and to Ed Frye who wasn't with us very long and has moved to Haymarket, VA.



Promise the Club—

- ★ To volunteer for an activity you haven't worked on before;
- ★ To bring at least one prospective member to a meeting this year;
- ★ To converse with a fellow member you don't know well and get to know him or her better.

Volunteer Spotlight

Several Club members worked to make our Caboose a festive, welcoming place for the holidays: Gladys Kozlik, Dan Mulville and Jim Radja were genial hosts, opening the Caboose for the Church Street Stroll, November 26. Dave Lanphear and Sarah Jane Brady did the heavy lifting on the beautiful decorations, delivering the greenery and hoisting Santa to the roof. Thank you all!

AK Yaseen generously provided delicious pastries for dessert at the Carol Waite Brennan Awards dinner, sharing sweets and the traditions of Eid-ul-Adha. Thank you, AK!

Pat Hackerson was inadvertently omitted from the earlier "thank you" to our members volunteering at the Halloween party. So both "sorry!" and "thank you!" to Pat.

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.

Christian D. Larsen

Optimist Club of Great Vienna Begins Annual Fund Raiser

Christmas tree sales started Saturday November 24. As you know this is our major fundraiser to support the fifty plus projects to which we donate funds throughout the year. Please support the club and your team captain by volunteering for as many shifts on the lot as possible.



Jim Houston presents check to the Madison Baseball Team for their help with unloading trees.



Club members construct A-frames during the tree lot set-up



Members of the Madison Baseball Team do the heavy lifting by unloading over six hundred trees in a little over thirty minutes.



Club members put up the sign at the Christmas Tree Lot.

*Optimist International
95th Annual Convention
July 4-6, 2013
Cincinnati, OH*



Board Actions at a Glance

The Board of Directors met on November 14, 2012 with 10 members present. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- ◆ Treasurer Tom Fraim reported that a check for \$10,268 in the name of the Club was presented to the Optimist International Foundation (Childhood Cancer Campaign) during the District Meeting in Harper's Ferry on October 27. This represented 25% of the net funds raised during this year's Walk for Growing Hope and Family Fun Day.
- ◆ Thanked VP of Youth Mike Fitzella for the exceptional Carole Waite Brennan Scholarship program on November 7. Mike reported that planning for the Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) program in January was underway.
- ◆ Director of Community Michele Wright reported on the success of the club's support of Kids' Halloween Party at the Vienna Community Center and participation in the Vienna Halloween Parade and thanked all those who took part.
- ◆ VP of Finance Tom Spengler reported that all arrangements for the tree lot with the bank, shopping center owner, and the town permit were complete.
- ◆ VP of Media Relations Tom Bauer reported on the November 7 *Connection* article on Walk for Growing Hope and Family Fun Day.
- ◆ Based on his relocation and request, approved dropping Spence Shawkey from the rolls. Also approved dropping Ed Frye from the rolls.
- ◆ Discussed plans for the holiday program on December 19.
- ◆ Agreed to a review of the Club Policies.
- ◆ Established a committee to study the possible reorganization of the Board of Directors.
- ◆ Approved a donation to sponsor a Babe Ruth baseball team for next year.
- ◆ Approved a donation to sponsor an Oakton High School student for Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) training.
- ◆ Approved Matt Sterling for membership.

2012-2013 International, District, and Club Leaders



International

International President- Jean Claude (JC) St-Onge
Vice President Mid-Atlantic Region- Richard Highland

District

Governor Capital Virginia District- Art Jones
Governor-Elect Capital Virginia District- Barbara Grizzard

Lt. Governor Zone 6- Tom Fraim

Club

President	Laurie Cole
Secretary	Jim Houston
Treasurer	Tom Fraim
President Elect	TBD
Immediate Past President	Walt Petersen
VP Community	Sara Goldberg
VP Finance	Tom Spengler
VP Media Relations	Tom Bauer
VP Membership	Gladys Kozlik
VP Youth	Mike Fitzella
Director of Community	Michele Wright
Director of Media Relations	Susan Bauer
Director of Membership	Laura Yi
Director of Youth	Jim Stivison
Webmaster	Gary Moonan

**Second Quarter District
Meeting
February 22-24, 2013
Richmond, VA**