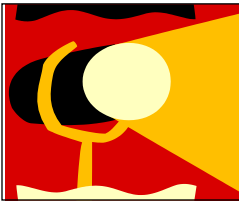




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Spotlight on Upcoming Events



July 4	NO DINNER MEETING Vienna July 4th Festival & Fireworks
July 7	8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market
July 11	7:30 p.m. - Board Meeting Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd., Vienna
July 14	8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Caboose Open House
July 18	Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant 6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet 7:30 p.m. -Dinner Program: Respect For Law
July 21	8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market
July 28	8:00a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market



Charles A. Robinson

Respect For Law

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several volunteer opportunities coming up in the weeks and months ahead: **Vienna Farmers Market** on Saturday mornings throughout the spring, summer and early fall (contact Dave Lanphear, Sarah Jane Brady, Jim Stivison, or Jim Houston); **Fourth of July Celebration** ticket sales at the Vienna Community Center on July 4 (contact Jim Houston); **Caboose Open House** monthly (contact Dan Mulville). Next open house for the Caboose is July 14. This is a good way to show off the Club in the community, so volunteer early and often.

Come join us the evening of Wednesday, July 18, as we honor two outstanding law enforcement officers from the Oakton-Vienna community. This program provides us the opportunity to recognize those who give selflessly each day to serve and protect our community. In addition, former Councilwoman Maud Robinson, Mayor Jane Seeman have been invited to say a few words of appreciation on behalf of our club and community. So, please plan to join us for this inspiring program to honor those who serve us with dedicated distinction.

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!*

Note from the Prez.

“Many thanks to Harry Cole for a most interesting and entertaining presentation Wednesday evening, June 20, 2012! I look forward to reading about the legal cases that will soon be handed down.”

President Walt

Optimist Club of Greater Vienna Receives the Golden Eagle Award



At a dinner ceremony held on June 15, 2012 at the First Baptist Church of Vienna, the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna received the Golden Eagle Award from the International Society for Key Women Educators, Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Nu Chapter. This award is given to individuals and organizations who have repeatedly demonstrated commitment to students through acts of encouragement or promotion of education.

Immediate Past President Tom Fraim, VP Youth Mike Fitzella, and VP Media Relations Tom Bauer receive the Golden Eagle Award on behalf of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna (Award citation is being read by Club member Susan Bauer) Photo by Lora Mote

**Capital Virginia District
Convention
Sept 7-9, 2012
Wyndham Oceanfront, Virginia
Beach, VA**



**94th Optimist International
Convention July 12-14, 2012
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Partners in Education Program on June 6, 2012 recognized outstanding teachers from Kilmer and Thoreau Middle Schools



Kilmer Middle School teacher Ellie Altman, pictured here with Club's VP for Youth Mike Fitzella and Kilmer Principal Doug Tyson, was recognized by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna for her outstanding service in bringing out the best in kids.



Thoreau Middle School teacher Bernie DeLeo, pictured here with Club's VP for Youth Mike Fitzella and Thoreau Principal Greg Hood, was recognized by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna for his outstanding service in bringing out the best in kids.

Oakton High School Senior Receives Vocational Scholarship from the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna



Oakton High School Senior Lauren Hyer, pictured with her parents, received a \$2,000 vocational scholarship at the Club's June 6, 2012 dinner meeting.



**Optimist
Anniversaries**

- Paul Snodgrass – 32 years
- Laurie Cole – 7 years
- Elizabeth Bland – 4 years



- Ed Moore – July 9
- Murali Darivemula – July 7
- Ed Frye – July 11
- Scott Klapot – July 14
- Sheryl Friedley – July 16
- Jeff Johnson – July 25
- Gary Moonan – July 28
- Sarah Jane Brady – July 31



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





Board Actions at a Glance

The Board of Directors on June 13, 2012 with 8 members present. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- ◆ VP of Youth Mike Fitzella reported that our two Club and Zone Oratorical Contest winners represented themselves well at the District contest even against high school competition.
- ◆ Mike also reported that with the assistance of Gary Moonan and Gladys Kozlik "recruitment" letters to the parents of the students recognized during the Youth Awards of Excellence program had been mailed.
- ◆ Discussed plans for the Respect for Law program scheduled for July 18.
- ◆ Noted that seven individuals had expressed interest in joining the club; follow-up will continue.
- ◆ Discussed plans for Fourth of July ride ticket sales at the Vienna Community Center.
- ◆ VP of Media Tom Bauer distributed copies of the June 7 edition of the *Sun Gazette* article on the painting of the caboose and the June 6-12 edition of the *Connection* article on the Farmers Market.
- ◆ Discussed the idea of developing a distinctive logo/"brand" for the club (suggestions are welcome).
- ◆ Voted to designate T.R. Cook as the Club's delegate at the OI Convention. (Correction: Steve Schuneman will be the Club's delegate at the OI Convention in Milwaukee)

Board of Directors 2011-2012



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

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



Harry Cole, husband of member Laurie Cole, gave a very entertaining talk on indecency in broadcast media at the Club's June 20, 2012 dinner meeting.