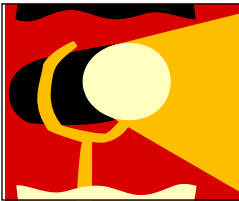




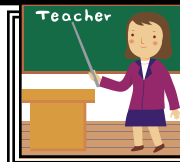
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### Spotlight on Upcoming



June 2	8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market
June 6	Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant 6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet 7:30 p.m. - Dinner Program: Partners In Education
June 6, 1944	D-Day
June 9	8:00 a.m. Vienna Farmers Market
June 13	7:30 p.m. - Board Meeting Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd., Vienna
June 16	8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market 1:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. Caboose Open House
June 20	Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant 6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet 7:30 p.m. -Dinner Program: TBD
June 23	8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market
June 30	8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market

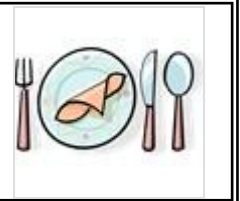


### 2012 Partners In Education

Come join us the evening of Wednesday, June 6, as we recognize middle school teachers for their contributions to community service projects. We will also be presenting a vocational scholarship for the first time in several years. This program, planned by Mike Fitzella (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!

***No program is currently scheduled on June 20th but come enjoy dinner and good conversation with fellow Club members.***



*100% and then some...*

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*Note from the Prez.* . . . . Thanks to those members who helped with our two Viva Vienna projects. VP of Community, Sara Goldberg, organized the activities for our booth. Susan Bauer and Jim and Diana Stivison acted as team captains and Pat Hackerson, Dick Gongaware, Jim Radja, Bob Steinfeldt, Anna Ryjik, Gladys Kozlik, Al Dunkerley, Dave Frost and Dick Lippert helped with staffing the booth.

Lead by Richard Plocica, who worked multiple and extended shifts, the caboose was open on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday afternoons. Dick Gongaware, Jim Pammel, Dave Frost, and Jim Houston also helped provide the caboose experience for over 1,500 kids and adults. Thanks to all who volunteered their time & talents.

**Caboose Gets Fresh Coat of Paint**



Several Club members led by Dan Mulville are in the process of giving the Vienna Caboose a fresh coat of paint.

**Meet Our Newest Member**



Bob Thompson with sponsor Rich Ordeman is inducted as a regular member by President Walt during the May 16, 2012 Club dinner meeting. Bob is married (wife's name is Betty) with four grown children and four grandchildren. Bob is a retired engineer who last worked for MITRE Corporation in McLean, VA. In retirement Bob became a professional genealogist, taught genealogy classes, and lectured at the National Archives where is was a docent. As an Optimist Bob looks forward to opportunities to help the young people in the greater Vienna community. Welcome aboard, Bob.

**Board of Directors for 2012-2013  
Elected by Acclamation**

The election for Board of Directors was held at the May 16, 2012 dinner meeting. Elected for the 2012-2013 year are: Laurie Cole, President; Jim Houston, Secretary; Tom Fraim, Treasurer; Sara Goldberg, VP Community; Tom Spengler, VP Finance; Tom Bauer, VP Media Relations; Gladys Kozlik, VP Membership; Mike Fitzella, VP Youth; Michele Wright, Director Community; Susan Bauer, Director Media Relations; Laura Yi, Director Membership; Jim Stivison, Director Youth; Gary Moonan, Webmaster.

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

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



# JOOI CLUB RECOGNITION

Students and sponsors from the Oakton, Madison, and Marshall Octagon Clubs and the Louise Archer Alfa Club attended the dinner meeting on May 16th and were recognized for their club's school and community activities during the school year.



### Club Presents Helping Hands Awards to 6th Grade Students



The Helping Hands Awards were established by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna in 1997 to honor 6th grade students whose actions on behalf of their class, school, or community embody the tenet of Optimist International that “giving of one’s self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.” A student from each of eleven elementary schools received this award at Club’s dinner meeting on May 2, 2012.



The Capital Virginia District will host its junior golf qualifying tournament at The Crossings Golf Course in Glen Allen, Virginia on June 9 & 10, 2012. Winners in each age division will qualify to represent Virginia at the Optimist International Tournament to be held at PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida in July, 2012.



#### Optimist Anniversaries

- Jim Wilson – 15 years
- Mike Battaglia – 12 years
- Chip Comstock – 3 years
- Twyla Frank – 3 years
- Susan Bauer – 2 years
- Abdul Kareem Mohamed Yaseen – 2 years



- John Cerisano – June 1
- Joe Bosco – June 2
- Dick Gongaware – June 5
- Barbara McHale – June 17
- Elizabeth Bland – June 24
- Spence Shawkey- June 24
- Gladys Kozlik – June 26
- Chip Comstock – June 27
- T.R Cook – June 27



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 May 9, 2012 with 8 members present. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- ◆ Recognized Laurie Cole for her excellent work on the Helping Hands program.
- ◆ Discussed plans for the Partners in Education program scheduled for June 6.
- ◆ Approved mailing "recruitment" letters to the parents of the students recognized during the Youth Awards of Excellence program.
- ◆ Discussed plans for Viva Vienna.
- ◆ Approved the award of a \$2,000 vocational scholarship to a young lady from Oakton High School to participate in the George Mason University's Learning into Future Environments (LIFE) program. The LIFE program is a creative postsecondary program for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Students enrolled in the LIFE program take classes to improve their literacy, employment skills, and independent living skills. At the same time, the program provides apprenticeships in human services fields such as assistive technology, education, and psychology.
- ◆ Discussed the age limits for the Oratorical Contest (i.e., whether to include contestants up to age 18 as allowed by Optimist International (OI)).
- ◆ Discussed possibility of adding JOOI clubs at middle schools.
- ◆ Reviewed thank you notes/letters from: a student recognized during the Youth Awards of Excellence program, OI Foundation for our contribution of \$500 toward the second \$2,500 scholarship awarded at the District Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), Thomas Jefferson High School for our donation for their All-Night Graduation Celebration, Flint Hill Elementary School for being a sponsor of their Fun Run, and the American Legion Post 180 Auxiliary for a sponsorship of one young lady for Girls State.

## 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 June 16. This is a good way to show the face of the club in the community, so volunteer early and often.

## Board of Directors 2011-2012



<b>President</b>	Walt Petersen
<b>Secretary</b>	Jim Houston
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tom Fraim
<b>President Elect</b>	Laurie Cole
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Tom Fraim
<b>VP Community</b>	Sara Goldberg
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<b>VP Membership</b>	Jodi Weier
<b>VP Youth</b>	Mike Fitzella
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<b>Director of Youth</b>	Jim Stivison
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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.

Christian D. Larsen