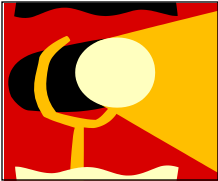




Optimistically Speaking May, 2012

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Spotlight on Upcoming Events



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| May 2 | Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant
*6:15 p.m. - Meet and Greet
*7:00 p.m. - Dinner
Program: Helping Hand Awards
*NOTE TIME CHANGE |
| May 5 | 8:00 a.m. Vienna Farmers Market Opens |
| May 9 | 7:30 p.m. - Board Meeting
Emmanuel Lutheran Church,
2589 Chain Bridge Rd., Vienna |
| May 12 | 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers
Market |
| May 16 | Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant
6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet
7:30 p.m. -Dinner
Program: Alpha/JOOI Club Recognition &
Election of 2012-2013 Board of Directors |
| May 19 | District Third Quarter Meeting &
Oratorical Contest, Richmond, VA
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers
Market |
| May 26-28 | Viva Vienna/Caboose Open House
No Farmers Market |



Helping Hands Awards

Come join us the evening of Wednesday, May 2, as we celebrate our 16th Annual "Helping Hands Awards." During this program, we honor a 6th grade student from each of the eleven elementary schools in the Oakton/Vienna community "for outstanding service in his/her class, school, or community." Each recipient will receive an engraved trophy as well as a check for \$200 presented to each elementary school in honor of the student's commitment to service. Optimist Laurie Cole has planned a terrific program for students, their parents, and a school representative to celebrate the "good deeds" of these youth in our community -- so, please plan to join us!

Remember: our social hour will begin at 6:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. -- mark your calendar!
NOTE TIME CHANGE

Alpha and JOOI Club Recognition



Come join us the evening of Wednesday, May 16, as we celebrate the outstanding service of the three Octagon Clubs (Madison High School, Marshall High School, and Oakton High School), as well as the Alpha Club (Louise Archer Elementary School), that our club sponsors and supports throughout the year. JOOI Club Program Chair Rich Ordeman has invited student leaders and advisors from each club to share with us the many "good deeds" they accomplished during this past academic year. Since these clubs instill the value of "service" in our youth and generate future Optimists, please plan to join us for this inspiring program to honor service! .

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...



Note from the Prez . . .



April was a busy month for us! Following the Farmer's Market Kickoff (Thank You Dave and Sarah!), we had a wonderful night with the Youth Awards of Excellence. Hat's off to VP Youth Mike Fitzella for a job well done. Thanks also to Sara Goldberg, Jim Stivison and Richard Plocica for their help. As you may have seen, we topped off the month with another great day at the Special Olympics track meet. It is one of the most rewarding things we do each year. Thanks to all who participated in one way or another during our April events!

President Walt

Zone 5 Holds Oratorical Contest



The Zone 5 Oratorical Contest was held on April 21st at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Vienna, VA. There were five contestants including Thomas and Clare who were the first place finishers in our Club contest. Thomas and Clare were again first place finishers and will move on to the District Contest with a chance to win \$2,500 scholarships. The District Contest will be held in Richmond on May 19th. Congratulations to Thomas and Clare.

94th Optimist International Convention

July 12-14, 2012

Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Capital Virginia District
Third Quarter Meeting & Oratorical Contest
May 18-20, 2012
Sheraton Park South



Club members helped with timing races during the Special Olympics Track Meet held on April 28th at Episcopal High School.

Youth Awards of Excellence presented to Juniors from Oakton, Madison, and Marshall High Schools



The Youth Awards of Excellence program was held on Thursday, April 19th in the Warhawk Room, Madison High School. The program was lead by the VP Youth, Mike Fitzella, and featured Kevin Grevey as the guest speaker. Awards of Excellence in Academics, Citizenship, Fine Arts, Science, Sports, and Technology were presented to juniors from Oakton, Madison, and Marshall High Schools. Awards of Distinction were presented to one individual in each area whose achievements stood out from the others. A special thanks goes to Career Center Specialists Gardner Humphreys (Marshall), Lynn Otto (Madison), and Kimberly Harris (Oakton) whose dedicated service makes this program possible.





The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna was awarded the Mayor's Award at the 11th Annual Volunteer Recognition Day held on April 19, 2012. The award recognized the Club's management of the Vienna Farmers Market. The award was presented by Town Council member and Club member Laurie Cole. Pictured above are market managers Sarah Jane Brady and Dave Lanphear along with Tom Fraim, Jim Houston, Jim Stivison, Paul Snodgrass, and Pat Hackerson.



The Vienna Farmers Market opens Saturday, May 5th and continues each Saturday until October 27th.



Bob McCormick is the starter for races held during the Special Olympics time trials at Flint Hill HS.



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

- Paul Henon – 41 years
- Spence Shawkey – 32 years
- John Cerisano – 29 years
- Les Carl– 28 years
- Dick Lippert – 25 years
- Al Dunkerley – 24 years
- Mike Fitzella – 6 years



- Mike Nadolski – May 5
- Mark Keam – May 10
- Twyla Frank – May 10
- John Cushing – May 18
- Dick Carr – May 25
- Rick Nelson – May 27
- Bob Thompson – May 28
- Bob Steinfeldt – May 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 April 11, 2012 with 12 members present. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- ◆ Discussed plans for the following upcoming programs: Helping Hands (May 2) and Partners in Education.
- ◆ Discussed plans for the club's participation at Viva Vienna.
- ◆ Discussed fund raising ideas for the Youth and Operating Funds.
- ◆ Discussed the proposed slate of Officers and Directors for the 2012-2013 Optimist year.
- ◆ Reviewed thank you notes/letters for our contributions for the James Madison High School and Paul VI High School All-Night Graduation Celebrations, and the Flint Hill Elementary School Read-A-Thon.
- ◆ Approved a donation to Louise Archer Elementary School to provide a dunk tank and sno-cone machine for their Field Day.
- ◆ Approved a donation for the George Marshall High School All-Night Graduation Celebration

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

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several volunteer opportunities coming up in the next couple of weeks and months. We'll need help at the **Vienna Farmers' Market** throughout the spring, summer and early fall (contact Dave Lanphear, Sarah Jane Brady, Jim Stivison, or Jim Houston), **Viva Vienna** on May 27-28 (contact Sara Goldberg), ride ticket sales at the **Fourth of July Celebration** at the Vienna Community Center on July 4 (contact Jim Houston) and at the **Caboose** throughout the year (contact Dan Mulville). Next open house for the Caboose is during Viva Vienna, May 27. This is a good way to show the face of the club in the community, so volunteer early and often.

Richmond, VA

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