



Optimistically Speaking

November, 2012

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Spotlight on Upcoming Events



- November 2-4 Mid-Atlantic Parallel District Conference
Roanoke, VA
- November 7 Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant
6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet
7:30 p.m. -Dinner
Program: Carol Waite Brennan
Youth Appreciation Awards
- November 14 7:30 p.m.- Board Meeting
Vienna Town Hall
127 Center St., Vienna
- November 17 9 a.m. Move trailer & stands to tree lot
1 p.m.- 5 p.m. Caboose Open House
- November 20 6:00 p.m.—First Christmas Tree Delivery
- November 21 NO MEETING
- November 22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- November 23 9 a.m. Second Tree Delivery & lot setup
- November 24 9 a.m. Start Christmas Tree Sales
- November 26 Church Street Stroll
Caboose Open 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

CAROL WAITE BRENNAN YOUTH APPRECIATION AWARDS

Come join us the evening of November 7th to honor academic excellence among our youth. Given in memory of former Vienna Optimist Club President Carol Waite Brennan, this scholarship is awarded to two outstanding seniors (one boy and one girl) from each of our three High Schools, Madison, Marshall, and Oakton. As we honor these recipients, hear teachers and administrators celebrate their many achievements; in addition we honor the parents and families who instill such excellence in our youth. We also honor the memory of Carol as her daughter Kelly and husband Matt assist with the presentation of the awards.

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!

Volunteer Opportunities

As you probably know, November means the start of **Christmas tree sales**. This is our major fund raiser which requires the involvement of all Club members; 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 setup and with tree sales which start the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

For the future!

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BRINGING
OUT THE BEST
IN KIDS**



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From the President—

At the Installation of the 2012-13 Board, I asked our members—you—to consider a twist on our Optimist Creed. For the coming year, I would like every member to honor three promises to the Club:

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Taken individually, these are small, manageable steps. If each of us commits to taking these steps our collective work will be lighter and our Club will be stronger. I hope you will join me in fulfilling these promises to our Club this year.

The final Farmers Market of 2012 was blessed with beautiful weather and steady crowds. We all owe many thanks to Sarah Jane Brady, Dave Lanphear and Jim Houston for the huge job they do in organizing and operating the market. Thanks also to the members who volunteered on Fridays and Saturdays to set up the parking lot barriers and as market managers. In addition to being a substantial fundraiser for our Youth Fund, the market is a major presence for our Club in the community. It will be back in May—plan now for when you will help out!

And November of course means it is Christmas tree time—and all hands on deck for setting up and staffing the tree lot. Your team captains will be in touch soon with schedules (if that sounds like a threat, well...). Sign up early and often! There is a job for everyone on the lot. Check out this newsletter and the website for dates and times.

Our second meeting date in November falls on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, so we are cancelling that meeting. Enjoy your time with family and friends (and take an early shift at the tree lot).

Optimistically yours,
Laurie



Optimist Anniversaries

T.R. Cook	38 years
Sarah Jane Brady	7 years
Walt Petersen	5 years in Vienna
Tom Spengler	2 years
Mark Keam	2 years
Bob Sargent	2 years
Jeff Sargent	1 year



Mike Fitzella	November 1
Courtney Sargent	November 6
Steve Schuneman	November 6
Jack Barnes	November 12
Al Dunkerley	November 12
Jim Houston	November 19
Mike Byard	November 21
Michele Wright	November 24



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

First Quarter Capital Virginia District Meeting Harpers Ferry, WV



Governor Art Jones (Central Fairfax Club) opens the Capital Virginia First Quarter District meeting in Harpers Ferry, WV.

Life With Cancer Presentation During the October 17th Meeting



Sabine Gnesdiloff, Program Manager, Life with Cancer, speaks to members at the October 17th meeting.

Photo by TR Cook



Zone 6 Lt. Governor Tom Fraim presents Bob Lawson, District Childhood Cancer Campaign Committee Chairman, with a check for \$10,268 from the Club for the OI Foundation and Childhood Cancer Research.



Rich Ordeman presents Sabine with a copy of the Optimist Creed.

Photo by TR Cook

2012 Vienna Halloween Parade and Kid's Halloween Party



Club member Gary Moonan and non-Club member Mike carry the Club banner in the Halloween Parade.

Photo by TR Cook



Jim and Diana Stivison and granddaughters Ella and Abbey ride in this year's Halloween Parade.

Photo by TR Cook



Members of the Louise Archer JOOI Club joined Club members in this year's Halloween Parade.

Photo by TR Cook



Club member Susan Bauer helps at the Vienna Kid's Halloween Party.



Optimist International

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





Board Actions at a Glance

The Board of Directors met on October 10, 2012 with 9 members present. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- ◆ The Board reviewed and approved a preliminary budget for the 2012-2013 Optimist year.
- ◆ The Board reviewed a proposed program schedule for the year.
- ◆ VP of Youth Mike Fitzella reported that the planning for the program for the award of the Carole Waite Brennan scholarships scheduled for November 7 was on track.
- ◆ Director of Community Michele Wright discussed plans for the Vienna Halloween Parade and Kids Halloween Party.
- ◆ VP of Finance Tom Spengler reported that he his coordinating with the owner of the Maple Avenue Shopping Center for the use of the parking lot for Christmas tree sales and the PNC Bank for the use of their electrical power to support the lot. Jim Houston reported that Dick Lippert had ordered the Christmas trees and the mix was adjusted to reduce the number of the larger trees and increase the number of smaller trees and increase the number of wreaths and amount of roping.

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

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 Frain

Club

President	Laurie Cole
Secretary	Jim Houston
Treasurer	Tom Frain
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*