



## Optimistically Speaking

October, 2012

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*Spotlight on Upcoming Events*



- October 3 Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant  
6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet  
7:30 p.m. -Dinner  
Program: Installation of Club Officers
- October 6 Oktoberfest -No Farmers Market
- October 10 7:30 p.m.- Board Meeting  
Vienna Town Hall  
127 Center St., Vienna
- October 13 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market  
1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Caboose Open House
- October 17 Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant  
6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet  
7:30 p.m. -Dinner  
Program: Life With Cancer
- October 20 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market
- October 24 7 p.m. Vienna Halloween Parade
- October 27 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Final Vienna Farmers Market for the year!  
2:00 p.m. Vienna Kid's Halloween Party

### 2011-2013 Board of Directors Installation



Come join us the evening of October 3rd for the Installation of the Board of Directors for the 2012-2013 Optimist Year. Our own Past Governor TR Cook will be presiding for the Installation. Let's get the new Optimist Year off to a roaring start by showing our support and showing up for the first meeting of the new year. Don't forget to bring a friend.

***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!*

### Life With Cancer

Come join us the evening of October 17th when there will be a presentation by the Life With Cancer Center which is part of the Inova Health System. Founded in 1987, Life with Cancer has grown and expanded its staff base, works with a team of more than 90 volunteers, serving patients and their loved ones in each of Inova Health System's five hospitals, and in its new 16,000 square foot, multipurpose Dewberry Family Center.

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### Volunteer Opportunities

There are several volunteer opportunities coming up in the month ahead: **Vienna Farmers Market** on October 13, 20, & 27 (contact Dave Lanphear, Sarah Jane Brady, or Jim Houston); **Caboose Open House** monthly (contact Dan Mulville). Next open house for the Caboose is October 13. **Vienna Halloween Parade** on October 24 and the **Kid's Halloween Party** on October 27th (contact Sara Goldberg or Michele Wright).

## Note from the Prez. . . . .

Happy New Year! It is the start of a new program year for our Club, at least, and as with a new calendar year we are starting out with the promise of new opportunities and achievements.

Our installation of officers on October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first in a year of programs which are engaging, interesting and, I hope, inspiring. Our schedule features both long-time Club activities—such as the Carol Waite Brennan awards and the Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing—and speakers on a variety of topics from our greater Vienna community. Our goal is always to provide our members with a good reason to attend a meeting, and a great reason to bring a friend and prospective member.

Your 2012-13 Board members are generously giving of their time and talents and I thank them for agreeing to serve the Club this year. We still need a President-Elect—a great opportunity for someone (you?) to help direct our Club. Just give me a call if you are interested!

To President Walt Petersen, thank you for leading us this past year with humor, warmth and enthusiasm. And thanks to the entire 2011-12 Board (especially Jodi Weir and Jim Pammel who are leaving the Board) for your dedicated service. On to the New Year!



100% and then some...

**Come Join Us!!**

**Capital-Virginia 1st Quarter District Meeting**

**October 26-28, 2012**

**Harpers Ferry, WV**



**Optimist  
Anniversaries**

Dave Frost – 26 years  
 Jim Radja – 26 years  
 Jim Houston - 19 years  
 George Mills – 13 years  
 Ed Moore – 13 years



Jack Barbee – October 2  
 Sara Goldberg – October 9  
 Jim Stevens - October 22  
 Richard Plocica – October 25  
 Tom Bauer – October 31  
 Walt Petersen – October 31



The race is not always to the swift-est . . . but to those who keep on running.







**Childhood Cancer Campaign Walk For Growing Hope & Family Fun Day was Held on Saturday, September 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Vienna Town Green. Over \$42,000 was raised for Growing Hope and Childhood Cancer Research.**



**Tom Spengler About to Get Wet**



**Early Tent Set-Up**



**Club Members Waiting to Work**



**Kid's Moon Bounce**



**A good time was had by all**



**Jim Houston's Overloaded Truck**



**Checking the Silent Auction Items**



**Cowboy Hay the entertainer**



**The Caribou Coffee guy**



### **Vienna Farmers Market**

October is a great month for the Vienna Farmers Market at the caboose lot on Church Street (sorry we are closed on the 6th for Oktoberfest). Come on back for 3 great weekends full of special surprises, great harvest foods and wonderful deals. On October 13, 20, 27, we will be collecting clothing for the kids and teens of Shelter House. Do you have extra gloves, mittens, coats, sweaters, shoes, etc. that your kids or grand kids no longer need? Bring them to the market and we'll make sure that needy kids receive them (especially with



### **2011 Vienna Halloween Parade and Kid's Halloween Party**



Club members participated in both last year's Vienna Halloween Parade and Kid's Halloween Party as seen in the above pictures. Can't always promise good weather for the parade, but it's fun parading down Maple Avenue not worrying about the traffic lights and with thousands of people cheering you on. This year's parade is on October 24th and the Kid's Halloween Party in on October 27th. Come join the fun and make a difference in the life of a kid.



## Board Actions at a Glance

The Board of Directors on September 12, 2012 with 10 members present. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- ◆ Discussed the status of planning and preparations for the Walk for Growing Hope and Family Fun Day, to be held on September 29.
- ◆ Discussed participation and the need for volunteers for the Kids' Halloween Party at the Vienna Community Center on October 27 and the Vienna Halloween Parade on October 24.
- ◆ Agreed that we should follow our club policy limiting participation in the Oratorical and Essay Contests to students enrolled in public schools in our service area.
- ◆ Reviewed a thank you note from Committee for Helping Others (CHO) for our donation.
- ◆ Approved a donation to support the Kids' Halloween Party at the Vienna Community Center.
- ◆ Approved a donation of to support a First Lego League club, sponsored by three middle school students, for younger disadvantaged kids.
- ◆ Approved a donation to the Oakton High School football team for help on the tree lot for the upcoming sales season.

## Club Board of Directors 2012-2013



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

**Mid-Atlantic Parallel District Conference to be held in Roanoke, VA, November 2-4, 2012. The Mid-Atlantic Region is comprised of the Capital Virginia (16), Kentucky-West Virginia (03), Maryland-South Delaware (33), North Carolina East (43), North Carolina West (44), and Tennessee (11) Districts.**