



## Optimistically Speaking

September, 2012

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*Spotlight on Upcoming Events*



- September 1 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market
- September 5 Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant  
6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet  
7:30 p.m. -Dinner  
Speaker: Timothy Gay, Author
- September 8 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market
- September 12 7:30 p.m. - Board Meeting  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church,  
2589 Chain Bridge Rd., Vienna
- September 15 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market  
1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Caboose Open House
- September 19 Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant  
6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet  
7:30 p.m. -Dinner  
Speaker: Mike McGurk, Transurban
- September 22 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market
- September 29 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Vienna Farmers Market  
10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. 7th Annual Walk For Growing Hope & Family Fun Day

### 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); **Caboose Open House** monthly (contact Dan Mulville). Next open house for the Caboose is September 15. **Walk For Growing Hope**, September 29

### Author, Timothy Gay

#### *Assignment to Hell*

Come join us the evening of September 5th for a talk by Timothy Gay, an award winning author and a graduate of Georgetown University who lives in Vienna with his wife and children. His latest book, *Assignment to Hell*, tells the powerful and poignant story of the war against Hitler through the eyes of five intrepid reporters. Crisscrossing battlefields, they formed a journalistic band of brothers, repeatedly placing themselves in harm's way to bring the war home for anxious American readers.

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### I-495 Express Lanes Project

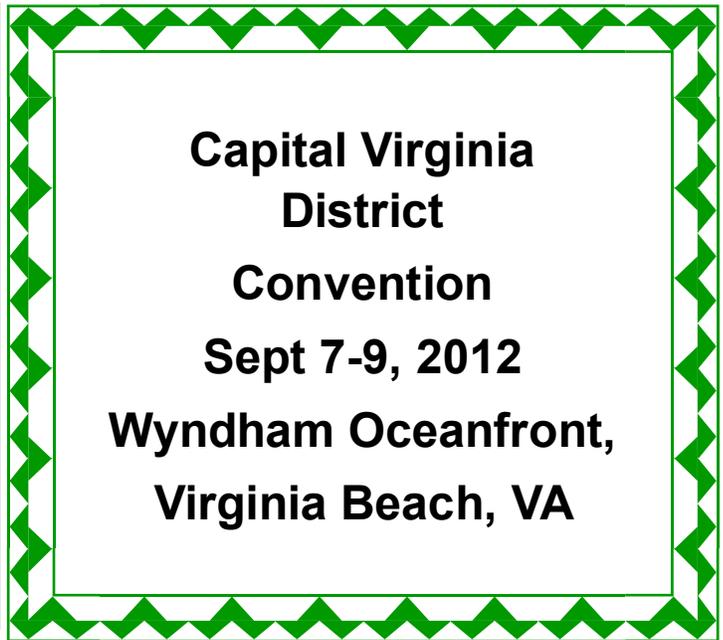
Come join us the evening of September 19th when Mike McGurk of Transurban will talk about the Express Lane Project on I-495 (Beltway) in Northern Virginia. Transurban with its construction partner Fluor and the Virginia Department of Transportation are developing the Express Lanes on the Beltway. Transurban-Fluor and the Department of Transportation have also reached agreement on major improvements to I-95 in Northern Virginia. This will be a most interesting and informative talk so be sure to attend and bring a friend.

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### Note from the Prez. . . . .

Please send lots of prayers to President Walt, his wife Madeleine and their son Alex who sustained a severe head injury in an accident at the UVA Physics Lab. An update from Walt indicates that Alex will be returning to a rehab facility near Catholic University. Doctors are Optimistic for a complete recovery.

Immediate Past President Tom



### Optimist Anniversaries

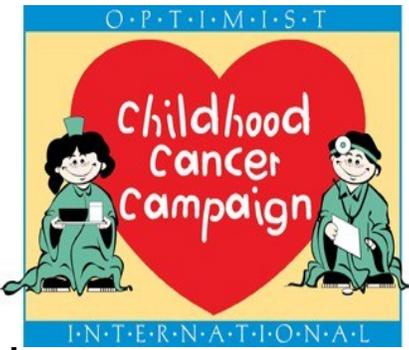
- Courtney Sargent – 30 years
- Barbara McHale – 21 years
- Bob McCormick – 14 years
- Kathy Georgen – 10 years
- Sara Goldberg – 5 years
- Scott Klapot – 4 years
- Murali Darivemula – 4 years
- Joe Miller – 2 years
- Kathryn McHale – 2 years
- Laura Yi – 1 year



- Roland Finken – September 2
- Mike Battaglia – September 13
- Jim Spain - September 15
- Teresa Lindsey – September 25



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



**Childhood Cancer Campaign Walk For Growing Hope & Family Fun Day to be Held on Saturday, September 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Vienna Town Green**

**Kick-Off For the 7th Annual Walk For Growing Hope & Family Fun Day Held During August 15 Dinner Meeting**



**Co-Chairs Bob McCormick and Sara Goldberg**



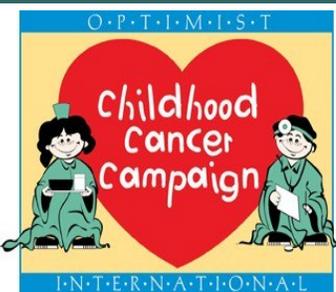
**Member Bill Doughten presents Sara with donation**



**Member Jeff Johnson presents Sara with donation check from Johnson Robinson CPAs**

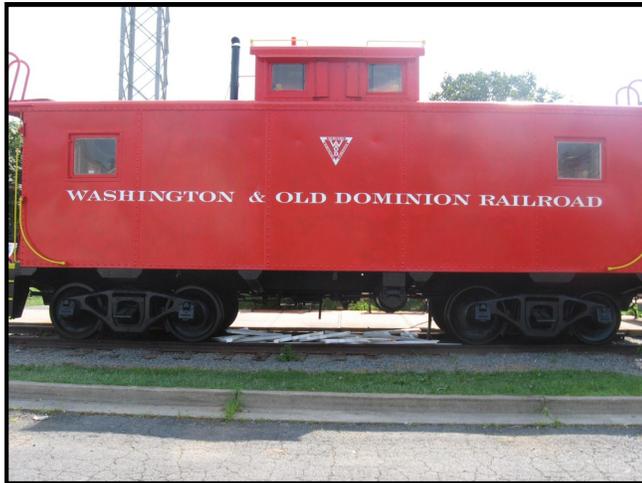


**Brooke Johnson presents Sara with donation from First Virginia Community Bank**



**Paula Lackey talks to Club members about how funds are used by Growing Hope**





Vienna Caboose renovation is completed. Thanks to Dan Mulville and his team for a job well done.



Member Tom Bauer presents Marshall HS senior Faby Chaillo with honorarium. In spite of serious injuries, Faby was a National Tennis Champion in her Freshman and Senior years at Marshall HS.



USDA Under-Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Ed Avalos launched National Farmers' Market Week from Vienna's Church Street farmers' market on Aug. 4.



Market Manager Dave Lanphear checks out the melons



## Board Actions at a Glance

The Board of Directors on August 8, 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, which will be held on September 29.
- ◆ Discussed the geographical limits for contestants in our Oratorical and Essay Contests.
- ◆ Discussed the possibility of doing pre-sales to businesses of our large (9-10 foot) Christmas trees.
- ◆ Discussed preliminary plans for the Vienna Halloween Parade.
- ◆ Acknowledged the work of Sarah Jane Brady and Dave Lanphear in publicizing the Farmers Market and arranging a visit to the market by the Under Secretary of Agriculture.

## Board of Directors 2011-2012



<b>President</b>	Walt Petersen
<b>Secretary</b>	Jim Houston
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<b>Director of Membership</b>	Jim Pammel
<b>Director of Youth</b>	Jim Stivison
<b>Webmaster</b>	Gary Moonan



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.

### 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