



## Optimistically Speaking April, 2013

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*Spotlight on Upcoming Events*



- April 3** Meeting - Marco Polo Restaurant  
6:45 p.m. - Meet and Greet  
7:30 p.m. - Dinner  
Program: Guest Speaker
- April 10** 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting  
Vienna Town Hall  
127 Center St., Vienna
- April 13** Caboose Open House  
Special Olympics Time Trials
- April 17** Meeting - Madison High School  
6:15 p.m. - Casual Dinner  
7:30 p.m. - Youth Awards of Excellence  
NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION
- April 20** Zone 6 Oratorical Contest  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna
- April 27** Special Olympics Track Meet  
Episcopal High School

### Volunteer Opportunities

Mark your calendar as the **Special Olympics Track Meet** will be held this month. Time trials will be conducted at Flint Hill High School on Saturday, April 13 (3-4 volunteers needed). The track meet will be held on Saturday, April 27 at Episcopal High School (a minimum of 10-12 volunteers needed). Contact Mike Battaglia or Jim Houston if you can help.

The **Vienna Farmers Market** will open on Saturday, May 4 at its new location, the Faith Baptist Church in Vienna. Club volunteer Market Managers will be needed.

Come join us on Wednesday, April 3rd when Rhonda Richardson, Program Coordinator for the Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition, will give a presentation on the Coalition's "9-5-2-1-0 for Health" Campaign. The Campaign seeks to improve children's health by promoting healthy lifestyles and engaging "community organizations with the potential to influence child health behaviors." One more way to "Bring out the Best in Kids"!

***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!

### 2013 Youth Awards of Excellence

**Madison High School**

**Warhawk Hall**

Come join us on Wednesday, April 17th for our annual "Youth Awards of Excellence" program! Club Member and State Delegate Mark Keam is our featured speaker as we recognize outstanding juniors from our three local high schools. **We will meet at Madison High School** at 6:15 p.m. for a casual supper followed by the awards ceremony at 7:30 p.m.

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*From the President—*

Dear Fellow Optimists,

Our Club is marking the arrival of Spring with a few fresh starts of our own. We have a new slate of officers nominated to serve as leaders for the 2013-14 term. Our elections now ensure a seamless transition to the new team, lead by current President-Elect Tom Spengler. Please plan to attend our April 3 meeting when we will formally elect the officers and Board members, who will start their terms in October.

We are also welcoming new members, Cesar Moran and Mercury Payton. If all goes well, and no late season storms cause us to cancel again, we will formally induct Cesar and Mercury as Optimists on April 3. Welcome to them both! And I hope they will not be our newest members for long—that we will be inviting more of our friends and neighbors in the community to join us.

The new season will find our Farmers Market opening in its new home, at the Faith Baptist Church, 301 Center St. South (across from the Vienna Fire Department). There is a lot of excitement about our new location, and our hosts at Faith Baptist Church are planning events coordinated with the Market's presence. If you haven't already signed up to be a Saturday Market Manager, get ready to do so! This is a fun and easy task that takes just a few hours, at a place you want to be at anyway (to get your fresh produce!), representing the Optimists at a popular community event.

Here's to Spring and fresh starts!

Optimistically yours, **Laurie**



**Optimist  
Anniversaries**

- Mike Byard – 22 years
- Anna Ryjik – 5 years
- Dick Gongaware – 5 years
- Michele Wright – 5 years
- Tom Bauer – 4 years
- Gladys Kozlik – 3 years



- Jim Stivison – April 2
- Dave Lanphear – April 11
- Dave Frost – April 21
- Paul Snodgrass – April 24



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

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF GREATER VIENNA  
Nominees for the 2013-2014  
Board of Directors**

President..... Tom Spengler  
 Secretary..... Jim Houston  
 Treasurer..... Tom Fraim  
 Immediate Past President.....Laurie Cole  
 President Elect..... Dick Gongaware  
 VP Community.....Michele Wright  
 VP Finance.....Jim Wilson  
 VP Media Relations..... Tom Bauer  
 VP Membership.....Joe Miller  
 VP Youth ..... Mike Fitzella

Directors:

Community..... Anna Ryjik  
 Media Relations..... Susan Bauer  
 Membership..... AK Mohamed Yaseen  
 Youth.....Jim Stivison  
 Webmaster.....Gary Moonan

**Voting will be held during the April 3rd meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.**

*Volunteer Spotlight*

We are fortunate in our Club to have loyal, generous members who answer the call to service. **Al Dunkerley**, who was Club President in 2001-02, stepped up to chair our Nominating Committee, filling in for our Immediate Past President Walt Petersen. Thanks to Al and his Committee (**Tom Spengler, Grant Marsh, Tom Bauer and Jim Stivison**) we have an excellent roster for next year’s Board.

**Mike Battaglia**, stalwart in his support of Special Olympics, is once again organizing volunteers from our Club to help at the annual track & field event on April 27. Thank you, Mike, for your leadership and dedication to the kids!

Also, thanks to **President Laurie** as well as **Sarah Jane Brady** and **Dave Lanphear** for finding a new home for the Vienna Farmers Market.

*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*

**Promise the Club—**

- ★To volunteer for an activity you haven’t worked on before;
- ★To bring at least one prospective member to a meeting this year;
- ★To converse with a fellow member you don’t know well and get to know him or her better.





The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is one of the largest and best-known junior golf tournaments in the world. Each year, more than 600 golfers participate in THE OPTIMIST. Optimists have been involved in the sport of junior golf for more than 30 years by holding local, regional and international tournaments. More than 5,000 golfers compete in official Optimist District qualifying tournaments. The best of these golfers, along with international golfers from around the globe, advance to the annual Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. All U.S. players ages 10-18 must qualify through a District Qualifying Tournament and be sponsored by an Optimist Club. The Capital Virginia District qualifying tournament will be held on June 15 & 16, 2013 at The Hanover Country Club located in Ashland, Virginia.

## CLUB HOLDS ORATORICAL CONTEST



Above the three judges are busy scoring the contestants after each speech. Above left VP Youth Mike Fitzella presents the judges with Optimist Portfolios in recognition of their service as Oratorical Contest Judges. Below left VP Mike Fitzella with the six contestants; a boy and a girl from Kilmer, Thoreau, and Luther Jackson Middle Schools. The two first place finishers, Margaret McAden and Thomas Mecherikunnel, will compete in the Zone Oratorical contest to be held on April 20, 2013. The Zone Contest first place finishers will move on to the District Contest to be held on May 4, 2013 where they will compete for a \$2,500 scholarship.



## *Board Actions at a Glance*

The Board of Directors waived the March Board meeting and conducted business during the month by email. The following actions were taken:

- ◆ Approved a donation to support the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program at Cunningham Park Elementary School.
- ◆ Approved a donation to the Vienna Girls Softball League to sponsor a team for the upcoming season.
- ◆ Approved a donation for the All-Night Graduation Celebration at Madison High School.
- ◆ Approved a donation to Flint Hill Elementary School to support their 5K Fun Run.
- ◆ Approved a donation to sponsor a young lady from Oakton High School to attend Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) leadership training at James Madison University, May 31– June 2, 2013.

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



## *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 Fraim

### *Club*

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

## *Third Quarter District Meeting*

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## *Oratorical Contest*

*May 3-5, 2013*

*Colonial Heights, VA*

# VIENNA FARMERS MARKET 2013

**301 CENTER STREET**

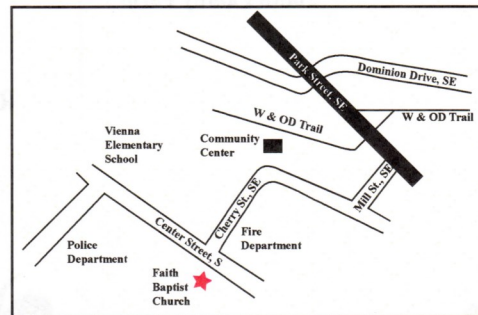


**Saturday, May 4 until Saturday, October 26**  
**8:00AM - Noon • Rain or Shine**

The Vienna Farmers Market has moved to a larger location

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**Optimist Club of Greater Vienna**

**Faith Baptist Church**  
301 Center Street  
Vienna, VA



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