



Optimistically Speaking

July 2013

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Spotlight on Upcoming Events

For the future!



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INTERNATIONAL

July 3	NO MEETING
July 4	Vienna Town 4th of July Celebration
July 4- 6	OI Annual Convention, Cincinnati, OH
July 6	Vienna Farmers Market 8:00 a.m.
July 10	7:30 p.m. Board Meeting Vienna Town Hall 127 Center St., Vienna
July 13	Vienna Farmers Market 8:00 a.m. Caboose Open House, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
July 17	Meeting @ Marco Polo Restaurant 6: 45 p.m. - Meet & Greet 7:30 p.m. Dinner & Speaker
July 20	Vienna Farmers Market 8:00 a.m.
July 27	Vienna Farmers Market 8:00 a.m.



There will be no meeting on Wednesday, July 3rd, since Thursday is July 4th. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Vienna Farmers Market needs Club volunteer Market Managers Saturday mornings throughout the spring, summer and early fall. Contact Jim Houston. **Caboose Open Houses** occur once a month; volunteers are needed to host the Caboose during these events. Next open house is July 13. Contact Dan Mulville. The **Family Fun Day and Walk for Growing Hope** will be held on Saturday, September 28. Club volunteers will be needed to make this important fundraiser a success

Come join us the evening of Wednesday, July 17, when Deborah Smith-Cohen of the Patrick Henry Library will be our guest speaker. Deborah will speak about services available through the Fairfax County Public Library; it's a lot more than checking out books! This meeting will also be the kick-off for the Family Fun Day and Walk for Growing Hope scheduled for September 28, 2013. This is a very important Club event which raises funds to help fight childhood cancer.

Remember: *our social hour will begin at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner and our guest speaker at 7:30 p.m. -- mark your calendar!*

From the President—

Dear Fellow Optimists,

The question I've been asked most frequently as Club President is, "How do we get more members to volunteer?" At this point I have to say, "I don't know."

The coordinators of events—like Christmas Tree sales, the Farmers Market, the Walk for Growing Hope, the Caboose, and more—try asking, then encouraging, cajoling, exhorting, begging, and imploring. They generally stop short of demanding and threatening, but it is sometimes a fine line. I understand and share their frustration.

So this is a request for *your* help. First, please volunteer to help at Club activities. They directly serve our mission of helping kids in our community.

Second, please give us feedback on how our Club is, or is not, serving your interests as a member, by responding to an on-line survey I will be sending out soon. It is operated by "Survey Monkey" (yep, that's what it's called) and asks questions which I hope will give us insight into how we can do the best job possible for our members and community. The survey will be emailed to the entire Club roster. Please respond even if you have not recently been active. Be frank—we can take it, and all constructive suggestions are welcome. The survey will ask for your name. You don't have to provide it, but it will help us measure the responses and keep us from pestering you to reply if you already have. And, you can always contact me directly if you have thoughts, suggestions, concerns or ideas.

Optimistically yours,

Laurie



**Optimist Club
Anniversaries**

- Paul Snodgrass – 33 years
- Laurie Cole – 8 years
- Elizabeth Bland – 5 years



**Happy
Birthday**

- Ed Moore – July 9
- Scott Klapot – July 14
- Sheryl Friedley – July 16
- Jeff Johnson – July 25
- Gary Moonan – July 28
- Sarah Jane Brady – July 31



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Vienna Farmers Market

The Vienna Farmers Market, located at 301 Center Street South and operating from 8 am to noon, has lots of activities going on during the month of July. Here are just a few. On July 6, TJ Michaels, the balloon artist, will be creating balloon artistry in the market. On July 13, the Vienna Choral Society and the Shepherd Center of Oakton -Vienna will be in the market as non-profit guests. Outside the market on the same day, the Faith Baptist Church will be offering fun water activities for kids and their families on their front lawn during market hours from 8 am to noon.

The Farmers Market Banner will proudly fly over Maple Avenue from July 5th through July 15th.

Marshall High School Senior Receives Vocational Scholarship



Nelson Hernandez (above center) from Marshall High School was awarded a Vocational Scholarship during the Club's June 19, 2013 meeting. Nelson plans to attend the GM Automotive Service Educational Program at the Northern Virginia Community College.

Volunteer Spotlight

We are enormously grateful that **Anna Ryjik** and **Susan Bauer** have stepped in to organize this year's *Walk for Growing Hope*. The Walk and associated fund-raising take months of planning and a lot of work goes into making the event the huge success it has been for several years. Thank you, Anna and Susan. Club members, let's ease their load by volunteering with glad hearts to help in the planning and on the day of the event.

While she could not be present in person at the Respect for Law Awards, **Michele Wright** was there in spirit! Thank you, Michele, for organizing an evening we all enjoyed. And special thanks to **Bob Thompson** who gamely ran the 50-50 when asked at the last minute. One more example of "Other duties assigned" for Optimists!

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.

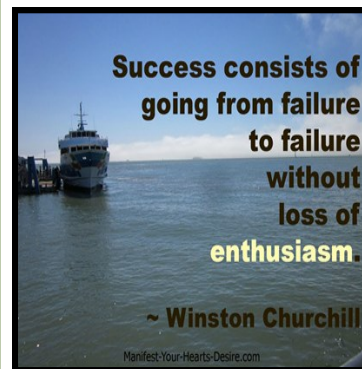
To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about class, 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

Club Honors Police Officers During the Respect for Law Program



PFC Dwayne Archer of the Fairfax County Police Department and MPO Chris Shaver of the Town of Vienna Police Department were honored at the June 19, 2013, Club meeting by receiving the Charles A. Robinson Jr. Respect for Law Awards. PFC Archer is picture at left with Club President Laurie Cole and Lt. Mike McAlister; MPO Shaver is pictured at right with Laurie Cole and Vienna Police Chief Jim Morris.

Photos by T.R Cook

Club Honors Teachers from Special Education Centers



During the Club's Partners in Education Program three teachers were recognized for their dedication to teaching children with special needs. The teachers were Carmen Halmon (right) from the Cedar Lane Center, Stacy Kafka (left) from the Kilmer Center, and Erin McDermott (center) from the Davis Career Center. The awards were presented on behalf of the Club by for VP Youth Mike Fitzella.



Board Actions at a Glance

May Board Meeting Highlights. The Board of Directors met on June 12, 2013, with 11 members present. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- ◆ Discussed the success of the Partners in Education program and plans for the Respect for Law program.
- ◆ Discussed plans for Fourth of July ride ticket sales at the Vienna Community Center.
- ◆ Discussed some organization matters for the Walk for Growing Hope and Family Fun Day scheduled for September 28.
- ◆ Discussed the need to have two volunteers per shift in the caboose to handle contingencies and for liability purposes.
- ◆ Agreed for the club to become a member of the Vienna Business Association for networking purposes.
- ◆ Agreed to develop and conduct a survey of members regarding club activities.
- ◆ Discussed a possible wine/chocolate tasting in August or September at the new Cocoa Vienna on Church Street.

Agreed to have only one dinner meeting in August.

Club Announcements

1) The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna is now a member of the Vienna Business Association. This puts us directly in touch with local businesses and professionals and we hope it will be a good vehicle to promote the Club.

2) Members are encouraged to "Like" our Facebook Page and the Farmers Market's Facebook Page

3) Members are encouraged to follow us on Twitter for updates on the Walk for Growing Hope and other Club events.

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

President	Laurie Cole
Secretary	Jim Houston
Treasurer/Newsletter	Tom Fraim
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VP Youth	Mike Fitzella
Director of Community	
Director of Media Relations	Susan Bauer
Director of Membership	Laura Yi
Director of Youth	Jim Stivison
Webmaster	Gary Moonan

Fourth Quarter District Meeting & Convention

August 23-25, 2013

Williamsburg, VA