



Optimistically Speaking

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Spotlight on Upcoming Events

For the future!

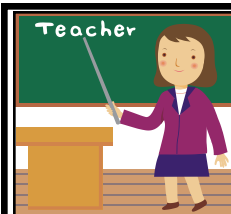


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| June 1 | Vienna Farmer Market
8:00 a.m. |
| June 5 | Meeting @ Marco Polo Restaurant
6:45 p.m. Meet & Greet
7:30 p.m. Dinner/Partners In Education |
| June 8 | Vienna Farmers Market
8:00 a.m. |
| June 12 | 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting
Vienna Town Hall
127 Center St., Vienna |
| June 15 | Vienna Farmer Market
8:00 a.m.
Caboose Open House 1-5 p.m. |
| June 19 | Meeting @ Marco Polo Restaurant
6: 45 p.m. - Meet & Greet
7:30 p.m. Dinner/Respect For Law |
| June 22 & 29 | Vienna Farmers Market
8:00 a.m. |

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 June 15. Contact Dan Mulville. Volunteers are also needed for **ride ticket sales** during the Town of Vienna's 4th of July celebration. Contact Jim Houston.



Partners In Education

On June 5 we will be conducting our Partners in Education program. We will be recognizing three teachers from the special education centers in Vienna: Cedar Lane Center, Kilmer Center, and Davis Career Center. The principals of each school will tell us about what they do and ways that we can support their efforts. In addition, we will be awarding a Vocational Scholarship to a young man from Marshall High School. I think he's the type of person that the founders of this scholarship had in mind. I hope everyone can make an effort to attend this meeting.



Charles A. Robinson Respect For Law

Come join us the evening of Wednesday, June 19, as we honor two outstanding law enforcement officers from the Oakton-Vienna community. This program provides us the opportunity to recognize those who give selflessly each day to serve and protect our community. These awards are named in honor of former Vienna Mayor Charles A. Robinson, who was an strong advocate and supporter of law enforcement in the Vienna community. His widow, former Councilwoman Maud Robinson, will present the awards. So, please plan to join us for this inspiring program to honor those who serve us with dedicated distinction.

From the President—

Dear Fellow Optimists,

Having had most of my life dictated by the academic calendar (child of teachers; student; at-home mom), I always feel like June is the end of the year. I'm reminded by our Club calendar that our Optimist year is far from over—there is plenty to do in June and beyond.

Our June meetings feature annual programs that go to the core of our mission. Our Partners in Education dinner on June 5 will celebrate special education professionals who work with kids needing extra help. Thanks to Mike Fitzella for focusing our attention on these dedicated educators this year.

June 19's Respect for Law program gives us the opportunity to thank our local law enforcement agencies for their work on our behalf. Optimist International began the Respect for Law program in 1965 and over 1500 clubs participated in it last year. Michele Wright coordinated our awards this year; please plan to attend to share your respect for these officers.

Volunteer opportunities don't stop in the summer! The Farmers Market, Caboose and 4th of July ticket sales are just some of the ongoing activities that need YOUR help. Contact me (lauricole.optimist@gmail.com) if you have any questions about signing up.

Keep cool and stay involved!

Optimistically yours,

Laurie



**Optimist Club
Anniversaries**

- Jim Wilson – 16 years
- Mike Battaglia – 13 years
- Chip Comstock – 4 years
- Twyla Frank – 4 years
- Susan Bauer – 3 years
- Abdul Kareem Mohamed Yaseen – 3 years
- Douglas Tyson – 1 year



- John Cerisano – June 1
- Joe Bosco – June 2
- Dick Gongaware – June 5
- Barbara McHale – June 17
- Elizabeth Bland – June 24
- Gladys Kozlik – June 26
- Chip Comstock – June 27
- T.R Cook – June 27



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



17th Annual Helping Hands Awards



On May 1, 2013, the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna presented the 2013 Helping Hands Awards. The Helping Hands Awards were established by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna in 1997 to honor 6th grade students whose actions on behalf of their class, school, or community embody the tenet of Optimist International that “giving of one’s self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.” The awardees represented the eleven elementary schools within the greater Vienna-Oakton community.

Vienna Farmers Market Update

A great big thank you to all Optimist Club members who have volunteered at the market so far. The market has started out slowly but it is picking up.

June 8 is our next big special event when TJ Michael, the balloon artist, will be creating artistry for kids in the lot and nonprofit guests will include The Vienna Choral Society and the Shepherd Center of Oakton/Vienna. In addition, on the front lawn of the Church but separate from the market, Faith Baptist members will host fun lawn games including sack races, hula hoop and assorted other games free for all.

Volunteer Spotlight

Always catching our best side are **TR Cook, Richard Plocica, and Barry Wheeler**. All of them have contributed to the Club by photographing meetings, events and volunteer teams in action. Their work graces our website and Facebook page (you have visited the Facebook page, haven’t you?), and has accompanied stories about the Club in local newspapers. Thank you, gentlemen, for always making us look good!

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 Oratorical Contest First Place Finisher Wins District Contest



Thomas Mecherikunnel, pictured above with District Governor Art Jones and Immediate Past Governor Tom Shearer, won the boys' District Oratorical Contest held on May 4 in Colonial Heights, VA. The girls' first place finisher from our Club, Margaret McAden (second from right), participated in the girls' District Oratorical Contest. Both Thomas and Margaret are from Kilmer Middle School and are to be commended for representing their school and the greater Vienna community in such an outstanding way.



JOOI Club Recognition Night

Members of the Octagon Clubs from Oakton, Marshall, and Madison High Schools and the Alpha Club from Louise Archer Elementary School attended the Club meeting on May 15, 2013, and told members about their club's activities for the school year which ends in mid-June.





Board Actions at a Glance

May Board Meeting Highlights. The Board of Directors met on May 8, 2013, with 10 members present. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- ◆ Recognized Pat Hackerson for her excellent work on the Helping Hands program.
- ◆ VP of Youth Mike Fitzella reported that the young man who won our club Oratorical Contest was the winner at the District level.
- ◆ Due to the paucity of entrants for the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) in our area and across the state (we only had three contestants this year and they were the only three entrants for the District Contest), the Board approved dropping the program effective immediately. Representatives of the Camelot Center (our source of contestants) and Rich Ordeman, our long-time CCDHHH program chair, concurred in the Board's decision.
- ◆ Approved the award of a \$2,500 vocational scholarship (plus up to \$100 for a gift of tools) to Nelson Hernandez from Marshall High School who will enroll in the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program (GMASEP). This is a structured, two-year auto training program that provides students with classroom instruction as well as practical, hands-on learning.
- ◆ Approved a donation to Louise Archer Elementary School for a dunk tank and sno-cone machine for their Fun Day.
- ◆ Approved a donation to the OI Foundation in the name of late Governor Mike Tremper to help endow the second scholarship for the District Oratorical Contest.
- ◆ Approved renewing the VCB CD for six (6) months. CD will mature on November 18, 2013.

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
President Elect	Tom Spengler
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VP Community	Michele Wright
VP Finance	Tom Spengler
VP Media Relations	Tom Bauer
VP Membership	Gladys Kozlik
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