

Optimistically Speaking

The Newsletter of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna

November 2013

Calendar

Nov. 5
Election Day



Nov. 6
Speaker: Dr. Todd Sloan
Meeting at Marco Polo Restaurant
6:45 p.m. Meet & Greet/7:30 p.m. Dinner

Nov. 13
Board Meeting—7:30 p.m.

Nov. 15
Capitol Tour RESCHEDULED

Nov. 16
Caboose Open

Nov. 20
Carol Waite Brennan Awards
Meeting at Marco Polo Restaurant
6:45 p.m. Meet & Greet/7:30 p.m. Dinner

Nov. 26
Christmas Trees Arrive!
Kid Pan Alley concert at Kilmer Center—noon

Nov. 28
Thanksgiving
Hanukkah

Nov. 30
Christmas Tree Sales Begin

Spotlight on Upcoming Events

At our Club meeting on **November 6**, we will take a little “me time” and hear a presentation from **Dr. Todd Sloan, of Inova Medical Group Orthopedic & Sports Medicine**. Dr. Sloan specializes in the management of arthritis and joint replacements. He will discuss advances in joint replacement and orthopaedic surgery.

The **Annual Carol Waite Brennan Awards** will be presented on Wednesday, **November 20**. Two outstanding seniors from our three local high schools will be honored for their achievements and service with a \$1,000 scholarship from our Club. Please be at the meeting to meet and congratulate the students, their families and teachers who will be our guests that evening. Put a friendly face on our Optimism!

Our **Capitol Tour**, a victim of the government shutdown, is being rescheduled for **Friday, November 15**. Contact Tom Bauer to reserve your spot.

“**Kid Pan Alley**”, the music program at Kilmer Center we supported, will hold its culminating concert on Nov. 26, noon to 1:00 p.m., in the Kilmer Gym. Club members are invited—and encouraged—to attend, to see the outcome of this inspiring program. Mike Fitzella passes along the sincere gratitude expressed by Stacy Kafka for our donations to make this project possible.

And all together now...



“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year”!

Our **Christmas Tree Sales** begin on **November 30**. Mark your calendar now for dates you can help with set up and sales. Your team captain will be calling! (See more details on page 4.)



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From the President—

Dear Fellow Optimists,

Let’s take a minute to enjoy the successful start of this Optimist year—and recognize the hard-working Optimists who made it possible.

Under the leadership of co-chairs Susan Bauer and Anna Ryjik, our Walk for Growing Hope raised almost \$40,000. Thanks to their work, the work of all the volunteers who worked at the event and behind the scenes, and, of course, the generosity of the donors, our Club contributed \$9800 to OI’s Childhood Cancer Campaign. Club Treasurer (and past Lt. Gov.) Tom Fraim presented to check on behalf of our Club at the District meeting on October 26.

We made a splash at this year’s Halloween Parade, with our pirate-themed float. Very soon we can call it our “award-winning float”! The Town of Vienna has invited us to the awards presentation on Nov. 4, but as of press-time we don’t know what award we have won. Thanks to instigators Michele Wright and Dick Gongaware, the construction crew (including Marshall’s Octagon Club) and donors for helping us stand out at the parade.

The end of October means the end of the Farmers Market for the year. Market Manager Sarah Jane Brady and Jim Houston shepherded the transition to our new location. Every week volunteers represented our Club at the Market, giving us a strong presence in the community. Many thanks to all!

Buoyed by this strong start, I’m confident that we are ready to take on the task of Christmas Tree Sales! With a late Thanksgiving this year we will have a short sales season, so we can expect to be busy. We can do it!

Until then, I look forward to seeing everyone at our November meetings.

Optimistically yours,
President Tom



November Birthday Wishes to:

Mike Fitzella	November 1
Courtney Sargent	November 6
Steve Schuneman	November 6
Jack Barnes	November 12
Al Dunkerley	November 12
Jim Houston	November 19
Mike Byard	November 21
Michele Wright	November 24

Optimist Anniversaries In November:

T.R. Cook	39 years
Sarah Jane Brady	8 years
Walt Petersen	6 years in Vienna
Tom Spengler	3 years
Mark Keam	3 years
Jeff Sargent	2 years
Matthew Sterling	1 year



Board Actions—October 2013

- Discussed plans for the upcoming Christmas Tree Sale.;
- Reviewed Farmers Market season and approved agreement with Faith Baptist Church to hold the Market there in 2014;
- Reviewed the proposed budget for 2013-14;
- Discussed options for attracting new members and programs.

The next Board meeting is Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend Board meetings. Contact President Tom for location and directions.

Big Finale for 2013 Farmers Market

The Vienna Farmers Market finished up the season on October 26, 2013 with an interactive youth gardening project and a Girl Scout led treat giveaway. Planning is now underway for 2014 at the Faith Baptist Church location.

Thank you to the following volunteers (both members and FOOIs) for helping out this year:

Susan Bauer, Tom Bauer, Sarah Jane Brady, Harry Cole, Laurie Cole, Bill Doughten, Al Dunkerley, Tom Fraim, Dick Gongaware, Pat Hackerson, Jim Hegel, Jim Houston, Jeff Johnson, Dave Lanphear, Dan Mulville, Joe Miller, Gary Moonan, Rich Ordeman, Gary Peterson, Anna Ryjik, Matt Sterling, Jim Stivison, Tom Spengler, Bob Thompson, Michele Wright.



Keepin' cool and keepin' it real

Jim Houston and Jeff Johnson were two of the stalwart volunteers who helped make the 2013 Farmers Market season a success. The Market will be back at Faith Baptist Church for the 2014 season. Be part of it—for the kids!

Building our float for the Halloween Parade...



—with help from the Marshall High School Octagon Club—

..and leading the float down Maple Ave!



More Optimists in Action

Helping with pumpkin painting at the annual Community Center Halloween Party. Madison students lent a hand as well!





Christmas Tree Sales

It is hard to believe, but it will soon be time to start selling Christmas trees. Below are some of the key dates for the sales. Team assignments and schedules will be coming soon under separate cover. With Thanksgiving coming late this year, we will have six fewer sales days than we had last year, so we should be busy *every day*. Be prepared to sign up early and often for your shifts.

- November 23 Move stands and trailer to tree lot (9 AM)
- November 26 First tree delivery (6 PM)
- November 29 Second tree delivery and lot setup (9 AM)
- November 30 Tree sales begin (9 AM)
- December 23 Sales end
- December 24 Move stands and trailer to storage (9 AM)



Coming soon !



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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