



## Optimistically Speaking

October 2013

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*Spotlight on Upcoming Events*

For the future!



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| Oct 2  | Meeting @ Marco Polo Restaurant<br>6: 45 p.m. - Meet & Greet<br>7:30 p.m. Dinner/Board Installation |
| Oct 5  | Vienna Farmers' Market<br>8:00 a.m.   |
| Oct 9  | Board Meeting<br>7:30 p.m.  |
| Oct 11 | Capital Tour  |
| Oct 12 | Vienna Farmers' Market<br>8:00 a.m.   |
| Oct 16 | Meeting @ Marco Polo Restaurant<br>6: 45 p.m. - Meet & Greet<br>7:30 p.m. Dinner/Speaker            |
| Oct 19 | Vienna Farmers' Market- 8:00 a.m.   |
| Oct 23 | Vienna Town Halloween Parade<br>7:00 p.m.   |
| Oct 26 | Final 2013 Vienna Farmers' Market<br>8:00 a.m.  |

Come join us the evening of Wednesday, October 2, for the installation of the 2013-2014 Club Officers and Board. Terry Corle, the Zone 6 Lt. Governor, will be our guest and will conduct the installation. There will also be a wrap-report on our very successful Growing Hope Fun Day held last Saturday and an update of the TOUR OF THE CAPITAL scheduled for Friday, October 11. Let's start the new Optimist Year with a large turnout as we welcome in the new Officers and Board for the 2013-2014 Optimist Year.

***Remember:*** *Our social hour will begin at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner & installation at 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendar!*

Come join us the evening of Wednesday, October 16, when our guest speaker is David Buckley. More about the speaker and his talk will be sent out prior to the October 16 meeting.

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### Volunteer Opportunities

Upcoming volunteer opportunities include the Vienna Halloween Party on October 26 and the Vienna Halloween Parade on October 23 and not far off is the Christmas tree sales fund raiser which begins the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

### Tom Spengler to be President of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna for the 2013-2014 Optimist Year



Gavel passed  
Laurie Cole to Tom Spengler  
September 18, 2013



### Optimist Club Anniversaries

- Dave Frost – 27 years
- Jim Radja – 27 years
- Jim Houston - 20 years
- George Mills – 14 years
- Ed Moore – 14 years



- Jack Barbee – October 2
- Sara Goldberg – October 9
- Jim Stevens - October 22
- Richard Plocica – October 25
- Tom Bauer – October 31
- Walt Petersen – October 31

### For the future!



## *Vienna Farmers' Market*

October at the Vienna Saturday Farmers' Market located at 301 Center Street South located at the Faith Baptist Church parking lots at 301 Center Street in Vienna, VA, finds us celebrating the harvest with free kids fun and more. Join us on October 5 and October 26 when TJ Michaels, balloon artist extraordinaire, joins us in the market.

On October 12, at the front of the market, the Faith Baptist Church will feature a Pumpkin Carving Station (tools, patterns, and tables will be provided along with sample pumpkins). Parents should bring their own pumpkins. They can also buy pumpkins at the farmers market. Adults must stay with their children for this activity. There will also be a fall picture station with pictures printed at the market and kids can make decorated frames. October 12 is going to be a special day at the market! Other surprises are in store.

Starting on October 12 through October 26, Ayr Hill Garden Club is having a bulb sale at the market. Proceeds go towards maintaining five gardens throughout the town of Vienna. On October 26 there will be a special planting of bulbs sponsored by Ayr Hill Garden Club at Faith Baptist Church. Kids who would like to help plant the bulbs should come to the market by 10:15 a.m. and report to the Ayr Hill bulb table or the market manager and bulbs will be planted in a special bed at 10:30 a.m..

There are guests throughout the month including Betty Jane's Peanut Delight on October 19. There will be lots of other activities sponsored throughout the month of October, too many to mention here. We close on October 26, so be sure to visit us before the end of the season. Operated and sponsored by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna. Like us on Facebook\Vienna-Farmers-Market or visit [viennafarmersmarket.com](http://viennafarmersmarket.com)

## *Optimist of the Year*

Congratulations to member Anna Ryjik who has been selected as the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna's Optimist of the Year. Anna has been an active member throughout the year and was instrumental in planning for and conducting the Club's Growing Hope and Family Fun Day Childhood Cancer Campaign.

Well done Anna!

## *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*



Childhood Cancer Campaign on Saturday, September 28th raised over \$38,000 for Growing Hope and the OI Foundation. Funds will help families with children with cancer and support childhood cancer research.





## *Board Actions at a Glance*

The Board of Directors met on September 11 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 to be held on September 28.
- ◆ Discussed participation and the need for volunteers for the Kids' Halloween Party at the Vienna Community Center on October 26 and the Vienna Halloween Parade on October 23. The Board approved construction of a float for use in the parade.
- ◆ Discussed methods of attracting new members and the possibility of a New Optimists Welcome (NOW) program.
- ◆ Discussed preliminary results of the membership survey.
- ◆ Reviewed a tentative schedule for programs and activities for the 2013-2014 Optimist year.
- ◆ Approved a donation to support the Kids' Halloween Party at the Vienna Community Center.
- ◆ Approved a donation of to the Kilmer Center in support of their Kid Pan Alley program.
- ◆ Approved a donation to the Marshall High School softball team for help in acquiring equipment.
- ◆ Approved a Life Membership for Laurie Cole to recognize her leadership and hard work during her term as President.

## *2013-2014 International, District, and Club Leaders*



**International President- Ron Huxley**

**Vice President Mid-Atlantic Region-**

### *District*

**Governor Capital Virginia District- Barbara Grizzard**

**Lt. Governor Zone 6- Terry Cole**

### *Club*

<b>President</b>	<b>Tom Spengler</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Jim Houston</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Tom Fraim</b>
<b>President Elect</b>	<b>Dick Gongaware</b>
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<b>Laurie Cole</b>
<b>VP Community</b>	<b>Michele Wright</b>
<b>VP Finance</b>	<b>Jim Wilson</b>
<b>VP Media Relations</b>	<b>Tom Bauer</b>
<b>VP Membership</b>	<b>Joe Miller</b>
<b>VP Youth</b>	<b>Mike Fitzella</b>
<b>Director of Community</b>	<b>Anna Ryjik</b>
<b>Director of Media Relations</b>	<b>Susan Bauer</b>
<b>Director of Membership</b>	<b>AK Yaseen</b>
<b>Director of Youth</b>	<b>Jim Stivison</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Gary Moonan</b>

## **CAPITAL-VIRGINIA DISTRICT**

**First Quarter District Conference**

**October 25 - 27, 2013**

**Hilton Garden Inn**

**120 Wingate Drive**

**Winchester, VA. 22601**