



## Optimistically Speaking

September 2013

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*Spotlight on Upcoming Events*



For the future!



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| Sept 4  | Meeting @ Marco Polo Restaurant<br>6: 45 p.m. - Meet & Greet<br>7:30 p.m. Dinner & Speaker      |
| Sept 7  | Vienna Farmers' Market<br>8:00 a.m.   |
| Sept 11 | Board Meeting<br>7:30 p.m.  |
| Sept 18 | Meeting @ Marco Polo Restaurant<br>6: 45 p.m. - Meet & Greet<br>7:30 p.m. Dinner/Year In Review |
| Sept 14 | Vienna Farmers' Market<br>8:00 a.m.   |
| Sept 21 | Vienna Farmers' Market<br>8:00 a.m.   |
| Sept 28 | Vienna Farmers' Market<br>8:00 a.m.   |
| Sept 28 | Family Fun Day & Walk For Growing Hope, Vienna Town Green, 10:00 a.m.                           |

### Volunteer Opportunities

The Vienna Farmers' Market continues to need Club volunteers as Market Managers on Saturday mornings. Contact Jim Houston. Caboose Open Houses occur once a month; volunteers are needed to host the Caboose during these events. Contact Dan Mulville. The Family Fun Day and Walk for Growing Hope will be held on Saturday, September 28. Club volunteers will be needed. Contact Anna Ryjik or Susan Bauer

Come join us the evening of Wednesday, September 4, for our *Walk for Growing Hope* kick-off with presentations by our event Co-Chairs Anna Ryjik and Susan Bauer, some words from Paula Lackey on what Growing Hope means to families, and what our Club means to Growing Hope.

There will also be a preview of the upcoming Cancer Prevention Study event taking place at the Vienna Community Center. Caylin Nieto of the American Cancer Society will have information on how to participate to help cancer research.

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

Come join us the evening of Wednesday, September 18, for President Laurie's last meeting as Club President. There will be a Family Fun Day & Walk for Growing Hope update and President Laurie will present a review of the Club's 2012-2013 Optimist year highlighting the Club's many activities and accomplishments in bringing out the best in kids.

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**From the President—**

**Dear Fellow Optimists,**

*Vvvvrooom!* That is the sound of this past year of Optimism flying by! Or, alternatively, *Aiiiee!*, which is the sound I made at various points in the year, as in: “Our scheduled speaker didn’t show up!”, “An unauthorized vendor has set up a Christmas tree lot!”, “We have to find a new location for the Farmers Market!”.

Here’s another sound I associate with our Optimist Club: “Wow!” That’s the expression of awe, appreciation and admiration I was frequently uttering at the dedication and achievement of our members. I have tried to list all the ways that people have volunteered, led, stepped up and helped out, but there is no way I can do it adequately. Let me just say again, “Wow.”

But with all that our Club has done this past year, I am wrapping up my term wishing we had done just a little more. I’m happy that we inducted three new members, but wish that more prospective members were being introduced to Optimists. I’m thankful for the dedicated corps of volunteers who help us raise money and work on events, but I wish we had broader participation so we are sharing the good work our Club does.

At the beginning of my term, I asked each member to “Promise the Club” three things: to volunteer for an event you have not worked on before, to invite a prospective member to a meeting, and to get to know a fellow member better. I will continue to work on these promises myself, and hope that each of you will too.

President-elect Tom Spengler will take the reins in October. I thank him and the entire 2012-13 Board for their excellent work this year. And I’m confident that President Tom and the 2013-14 Board will lead us to an even better year! Optimistically yours, Laurie



**Optimist Club  
Anniversaries**

- Courtney Sargent – 31 years
- Barbara McHale – 22 years
- Bob McCormick – 15 years
- Kathy Georgen – 11 years
- Sara Goldberg – 6 years
- Scott Klapot – 5 years
- Joe Miller – 3 years
- Kathryn McHale – 3 years
- Laura Yi – 2 years



- Mike Battaglia – September 13
- Jim Spain - September 15
- Teresa Lindsey – September 25



**For the future!**

**OPTIMISTS-  
BRINGING  
OUT THE BEST  
IN KIDS**



## *Vienna Farmers' Market*

Join us at the market as summer weather turns cooler and produce becomes autumnal. On September 7 please join TJ Michael, balloon artist, as he makes his latest creations for the kids. And on September 14 our guest nonprofit will be the girls' softball team, the Vienna Stars. September 21 finds popular Optimist guest, Betty Jane's Sweet Delight, back at the market. And on September 28, while the "Walk for Growing Hope" is going on at the Town Green, the Faith Baptist Church will be offering a "Fun with Air Day" on their front lawn, which will include all kinds of fun for kids. We'll have surprises all through the month! Also, free tours of the market are available for scout troops and grade school groups (with 2 weeks notice to Sarah Jane). Interested groups should contact her at [manager@viennafarmersmarket.com](mailto:manager@viennafarmersmarket.com) or 703-200-7806.

Lastly, the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna is delighted to announce that we will be returning to our new home at the Faith Baptist Church parking lots at 301 Center Street South in 2014.



## *Volunteer Spotlight*

*Your name here.* We need each and every member to be an "active" member of our Optimist Club. How can you help? What skills, abilities or attributes can you contribute? And—have you invited a friend to an Optimist Club meeting this year?

### *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*



# Vienna Optimist Club

and

# Growing Hope

a Northern Virginia partnership  
to support children with Cancer

**The 8th annual Growing Hope childhood cancer campaign** is well underway. Donations to Growing Hope provide educational, financial and social support to children with cancer and their families. Johns Hopkins University & Medical Center also receives a portion of donations. The campaign culminates in a Walk & Family Fun Day. This year's event features a 3 mile walk on the W&OD trail. Pledge forms for school and civic groups are available on [www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org](http://www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org).

#### **OPTIMISTS:**

**PLEASE BRING AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE OPTIMISTS TO THE EVENT ON SAT. SEPTEMBER 28, 2013 at the Vienna Town Green from 10am - 2pm.**

**MAKE YOUR DONATION AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. THEN ENJOY THE EVENT. BID ON LIVE AUCTION ITEMS OR BUY RAFFLE TICKETS AT 11:30AM & 1:30PM.**

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**We also thank all of our Optimists and friends who have contributed individually.**



## Board Actions at a Glance

### May Board Meeting Highlights

There was no formal Board meeting in August so that members of the Board of Directors could attend the Chocolate and Wine Tasting at Cocoa Vienna on August 14. Necessary business was conducted by email and the following actions were taken:

- ◆ Approved donations to the Madison High School baseball team and Oakton High School football team for help on the Christmas tree lot this year
- ◆ Approved a donation to Louise Archer Elementary School in support of their 5K Race

### Wine and Chocolate Tasting at Cocoa Vienna



Members of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna enjoyed a special wine and chocolate tasting event on August 14 hosted by chocolatiers Sam Aboulhson and Staci Meruvia of Cocoa Vienna. The event raised funds for the Club's Childhood Cancer Campaign. Sample wines were provided by Vienna Vintner.

### 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
Immediate Past President	Walt Petersen
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

### 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.