

# OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

The Newsletter of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna

July 2016

## Calendar



July 4  
Independence Day

July 6 — NO MEETING

July 9 — Farmers Market  
8:00 a.m. to noon

July 13 — NO Board Meeting

July 16 — Farmers Market  
8:00 a.m. to noon

July 16 — Caboose Open  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

July 20 — Respect for Law Meeting  
Fairfax American Legion Post 177  
Social Time: 6:45 p.m.; Dinner: 7:30

July 23 — Farmers Market  
8:00 a.m. to noon

July 27 — Fourth Wednesday  
Dinner at Culmore Teen Center—Team c

July 30 — Farmers Market  
8:00 a.m. to noon

## Spotlight on Upcoming Events

**The Club will not meet the first week of July.** Enjoy your Independence Day celebrations!

Our next meeting will be on **July 20**, when we present our **annual Charles A. Robinson Respect for Law Awards**. Respect for Law is one of Optimist International's most popular programs, with more than 1,500 clubs participating annually. Our ceremony will honor police officers, MPO H. Trent Nelson from the Town of Vienna and PFC Jason Mizer from the Fair Oaks station in Fairfax County. We look forward to seeing you at our only meeting in July at 6:45 p.m. at the American Legion Post 177 in Fairfax as we recognize outstanding members of law enforcement in our community.



Summer produce has arrived at the **Vienna Farmers Market**, which means business is up and the atmosphere is lively! **Every Saturday** is an opportunity for you to be part of the Market scene. Volunteers are needed throughout the summer to handle light set-up/take-down duties and to be the face of our Optimist Club to the community. Sign up at the Club's [website](#). See more on page 3.

**Free FOO Memberships Still Available!** Optimist International is offering a "Community Impact Bundle" to honor and recognize the difference-makers in our community. This bundle offers a Friend of the Optimist (FOO) membership for six new FOO members for one year at the cost of \$300 paid by our club. This will give our new FOO an opportunity to participate with the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna while increasing our membership. An increased membership gives our club the opportunity to support youth in the Greater Vienna area. A FOO member pays for their own meals for meetings they attend. *We need three more people for this bundle.* If you know someone—an elected official, an outstanding educator, law enforcement, youth coach, etc.—who you think would be an asset to and active member of our club, please **send Kathy Cutri the name of your nominee** and why you think they would be an asset. Please submit your suggestions to [membership@optimistclubofgreatervienna.org](mailto:membership@optimistclubofgreatervienna.org) immediately. This person must have already agreed to accept if they're nominated. We will select the six prospective members who we believe will be the best match for the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna.



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*From the President—*

Dear Vienna Optimists and Friends,

Summer is here and it appears to be a glorious summer. (The glass is more than half full!!!)

It has really been a busy May and June. With the Farmer's Market opening, we have a lot of extra work to do and we need your help. Please go to our web site at <http://www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org/> and sign-up for the Farmer's Market. And while you are there, look at the Caboose Signup and see if you have enough time to participate in that fun endeavor.

Also this spring, with the leadership of Brian Davenport, we recruited young golfers from the Vienna area to participate in the OI District Golf Tournament. If the golfer scores well enough at District, he or she may go to the OI Junior Golf Championships held in Florida in July. The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is one of the largest and best-known junior golf tournaments in the world. We had four golfers enter the District competition and three of them advanced to the Championships. We will report on how they fared in our next Newsletter.

We will have only one meeting in July, which is the Respect for Law meeting on July 20th. Anna Ryjik has put together a very nice program for Respect for Law. The meeting will be at the Fairfax American Legion. Hope to see you there!!

Other programs we are considering in August and September are speakers from building bridges through music at Cunningham Park School and the Cold War historian Gary Powers Jr. whose father was shot down while flying a U2 over Russia. Additionally, in September we will once again provide a program for Growing Hope. We hope you can get involved with this fundraiser for the **Childhood Cancer Campaign** to fund local efforts helping children with cancer and their families. Please talk to Susan Bauer and Anna Ryjik for more information.

This month I have been contemplating on helping or serving others. One line of the Optimist Creed states, "To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own." Success is actually a perspective on your current situation. For example, a homeless person may consider success as getting a place to sleep and a hot meal; whereas success to another person may be to have a large family. I believe to care about the success of others, one has to serve others. Mahatma Gandhi said this succinctly: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

*President Joe Miller*



**Caboose Conductors Needed July 16 and September 17**

There are openings for the second shift, 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Saturday, July 16 and both shifts (1:00-3:00; 3:00-5:00) on Saturday, September 17. The model railroaders will have the train station open

both days.

Please contact [Dan Mulville](#) or sign up at the [Club's website](#).



**July Birthday Wishes to:**

- Sheryl Friedley – July 16
- Jeff Johnson – July 25
- Gary Moonan – July 28

**Optimist Anniversaries in July**

- Laurie Cole – 11 years
- John Andrews – 2 years
- Angelique Ayala – 2 years
- Rob DiRocco – 2 years
- Lena Shrestha – 2 years





# Our Farmers Market — In Brilliant Color!



Photos courtesy of Optimist Gary Moonan from the June 25, 2016, Vienna Farmers Market



## 2016 Farmers Market Update:

We are entering peak season for market produce. That means peak customer demand, too. Already the Market is realizing great returns for the Vienna community and our Optimist Club: The (non-rainy day) customer count is up 20-25% over last year at this time; revenue for the Club (which means for our youth programs) is also running ahead of last year. The only thing running below projections is our volunteer roster. There are lots of blank spaces on the sign-up sheet at [our website](#). Just a few shifts from every Club member will fill out the schedule and keep our Market running smoothly. Sign up today!



**A REMINDER WHY WE DO THIS:** Among the donations our Club makes year-after-year are to the **All-Night Grad Parties** for Madison, Oakton, Marshall and Thomas Jefferson High Schools. These

drug- and alcohol-free celebrations demonstrably save lives every graduation season. Over the years we have given thousands of dollars to support these events, to make them appealing and affordable for all eligible students to attend. That is just one way our volunteer hours bring out the best in kids.

## Miss the NOW Meeting? No Problem—Make Every Meeting a NOW Meeting!

Our Membership Team (Kathy Cutri and Nikki Ayala) organized a super New Optimists Welcome [NOW] Meeting opportunity for us at BlackFinn Ameripub in June. Good food, great folks, and a commitment to helping kids provided common bonds.



But you don't have to wait for a NOW meeting to introduce a prospective member to the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna. Just about any Club meeting is a great opportunity to show a friend, neighbor, or colleague what we are about. Ask Kathy or Nikki if you need ideas!

Left: Optimists enjoy some camaraderie at BlackFinn Ameripub on June 22.



### June Board Meeting Highlights

The Board of Directors met on June 8 with 10 members present. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- VP Youth Mike Fitzella thanked all members who assisted in the youth programs during the year stating he got “a lot of good help from a lot of good people”. He reported that John Andrews is continuing to support the Kilmer Center with infrastructure repairs.
- Approved renewal of membership in the Vienna Business Association (VBA).
- Heard Brian Davenport announce that three golfers will represent the club in the Capital-Virginia OI Junior Golf Tournament in Richmond on June 25. The Board thanked Brian for his efforts on this activity.
- Discussed the June 1-7 Vienna Connection article on the T.R. Cook Youth of Excellence Awards.
- As has been tradition, agreed not to hold a dinner meeting on the first Wednesday in July.
- Approved a donation to Louise Archer Elementary School to cover the cost of a dunk tank and sno cone machine for their annual Field Day.
- Reviewed thank you notes from a T.R. Cook Youth of Excellence Award winner from Marshall High School and our donations for the Vienna Elementary School 5K and Fun Run, and Our Daily Bread.

### Happy Birthday, Joe Bosco! Celebrating a Dedicated Optimist

At our June 1 meeting we wished Optimist Joe Bosco a happy 94th birthday. Joe has been a member of the Vienna Optimist Club almost since its start over 60 years ago. Throughout his years as a practicing dentist in Vienna, into his retirement and move to Maryland, Joe has been a stalwart of our Club and devoted attendee at meetings. Many happy returns of the day, Joe!



Dick Lippert presents Joe with a birthday cake as Pat Hackerson looks on.

### OPTIMIST CLUB OF GREATER VIENNA Board of Directors 2015-16

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Director of Youth	Jim Stivison
Webmaster	Gary Moonan

### 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 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*