

OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

The Newsletter of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna

June 2017

Calendar

June 3 — Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to Noon
301 Center Street South
(Faith Baptist Church parking lot)

June 7 — Dinner Meeting

"Partners in Education"
6:45 Social Time; 7:15 Dinner
Fairfax American Legion Hall

June 10 — Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to Noon

June 13 — Primary Elections in Virginia

Polls Open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



June 14 — Board Meeting

7:30 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church

June 17 — Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to Noon

June 18 — Fathers' Day

June 21 — Dinner Meeting

6:45 p.m. Social Time; 7:15 p.m. Dinner

June 24 — Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to Noon

June 28 — Fourth Wednesday Dinner

Culmore Teen Center — Team A

News and Notes

June is here—the month of dads-and-grads, pools opening and schools closing for the summer. And the Optimists slow down only a little!



Our traditional end-of-the-school-year celebration of educators, "**Partners in Education**", is our first meeting in June. **On June 7** we will be recognizing the **Career Center Specialists** from Madison, Marshall, and Oakton high

schools for their support of our programs. Their efforts contribute to the success of the Carol Waite Brennan awards, Essay Contest, and the TR Cook Youth Awards of Excellence. They also serve as the VP of Youth's primary contact for any questions that may come up throughout the year.



Please show your support—and demonstrate our commitment to this partnership—by attending the June 7 meeting and personally thanking them for their efforts.

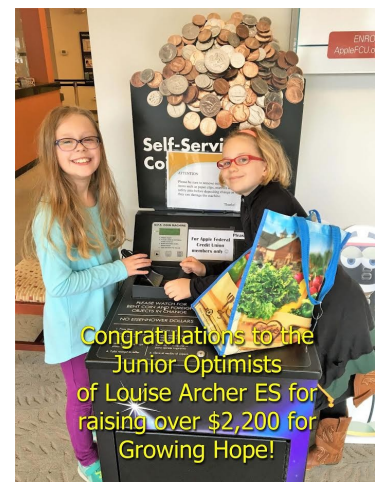
Oakton High School



And while we are honoring educators, remember that the "**Recruit a Teacher**" program continues until **June 30**. Any teacher—active or retired, preschool through college and beyond—is eligible for reduced first year dues. [Contact Kathy Cutri](#) for more information. Do you have

someone in mind? Invite her or him to our "Partners in Education" meeting as a great introduction to what Optimists do!

If you liked last month's meeting celebrating our Junior Optimist and Octagon clubs, you will love this news. The **Louise Archer Junior Optimist Club**—whose faculty sponsor is our own **Lauren Wagner**—raised **\$2,200 for Growing Hope!** Way to go, Junior Optimists!



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for over 60 Years!

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From the President

Dear Fellow Optimists,

May has come and gone. The Farmers Market opened and we have had three weeks of iffy weather. The Market continues to attract the people in the community and our Facebook page is quite active with comments and reviews.

Our June line-up of musicians is brought to you courtesy of the hard work of Dick Gongaware:

June 3 rd	KAMAKA CAMIRILLO
June 10 th	Vienna Singing Princesses
June 17 th	Dave Lange
June 24 th	Laurie Mangold

Please go on and like our Facebook page and that of our vendors. We are working to have more involvement with the Town with regard to our PR efforts. If you are good at writing or good with social media – WE NEED YOU!

We signed up to work with the town on their **Chillin' on Church Street** community fun night on June 16th and September 15th from 6:30 – 9:30pm. Several of your fellow Optimists have volunteered to serve the beer and wine in exchange for a percentage of the proceeds. **Bring your friends and join us!**

The **Caboose** was open on Memorial Day weekend during Viva! Vienna! Jeff Johnson and I saw 730 people come through in the first two hours. Lots of excited parents who had never had the opportunity to come to the caboose were very impressed. The sign-up sheet is on our website as well as the **Farmers Market** sign-up sheet. Sign up early and sign up often.

We will have our **Board** meeting on June 14 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm.

Remember that we have another 30 days to offer the special Teacher's membership dues - Optimist International is waiving the \$15.00 membership fee and offering a year's dues for only \$30!

See you all at the Market or on Church Street!

Optimistically yours,

Michele H. Wright



June Birthday Wishes to:

- Joe Bosco – June 2
- Dick Gongaware – June 5
- Barbara McHale – June 17
- T.R Cook – June 27

Optimist Anniversaries in June

- Jim Wilson – 20 years
- Mike Battaglia – 17 years
- Susan Bauer – 7 years
- Pat Solan – 2 years





Summer Saturdays are made for the **Farmers Market**. We count on all Optimists to support the Market as volunteers and as customers. Our Farmers Market Committee has brought in some great new vendors to complement our long-time favorites. (Yes, there are still donuts.) Check out

these photos by **Bruce Lauther** for a sample of who's who at the Market.



2017-18 Board of Directors to be Elected at June 7 Meeting

The Nominating Committee, led by Immediate Past President Joe Miller, presents the following nominees for election to the Club's Board of Directors for program year 2017-18 (which begins on October 1, 2017). The Club will vote for next year's Board at our June 7 meeting. The Nominating Committee recommends a "yes" vote for all nominees.

President	Susan Bauer
Secretary	Jim Houston
Treasurer	Tom Bauer
Immediate Past President	Michele Wright
President Elect	-open-
Vice President of Community	Anna Ryjik
Vice President of Finance	Dick Lippert
Vice President of Media Relations	Gary Moonan
Vice President of Membership	Kathy Cutri
Vice President of Youth	Mike Fitzella
Director of Community	Bruce Lauther
Director of Social Media	Steve Rabil
Director of Membership	Lauren Wagner
Director of Youth	Jeff Bechtle
Webmaster	Gary Moonan



Left, from top to bottom: Jim S. and Gary get the thumbs up from the **BBQ** master; **Annette's Amazing Granola** is a Vienna favorite; **Buck Wild Bison** is a new vendor this season. Above: **Caffe Amouri** has the perfect beverage to go with your donuts!



May Board Meeting Highlights

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

- VP of Youth Mike Fitzella complimented Pat Hackerson and Laurie Cole for the successful Helping Hands program.
- Discussed the JOOI club celebration program scheduled for May 17 and the Partners in Education program scheduled for our June 1 meeting.
- Mike Fitzella reported that two applications were received for vocational scholarships, but neither met the guidelines for the award.
- Discussed planning for Family Fun Day for Growing Hope and the Respect for Law program.
- Discussed and approved the club's participation in beverage sales for Chillin' On Church on June 16 and September 15 as a fundraiser. Volunteers will be required each evening.
- Discussed the successful opening of the 2017 Farmers Market and the possibility of additional vendors.
- Approved our annual donation to Louise Archer Elementary School to cover the cost of Sno-Cones and a dunk tank for their Field Day.
- Approved a donation to purchase T-shirts for the members of the Louise Archer Elementary School Junior Optimist Club.



In case you didn't know, for many years our Optimist Club has helped make high school graduations safer by sponsoring All-Night Grad Celebrations for our local high schools. These alcohol-free, drug-free, supervised all-night parties have demonstrably saved lives by reducing the number of fatal auto accidents on graduation nights. Our support is appreciated, as you see in this note from the Madison ANGC Committee:

"Your donation of \$300 and the Guesstimation jars is greatly appreciated and will help provide our graduates with a safe alternative to unsupervised graduation parties again this year. We are privileged to be a part of such a supportive community and appreciate your generosity."

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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