

OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

The Newsletter of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna

April 2018

Calendar

April 4

NOW/Social Meeting — **NOTE Location & Time!**
Vienna Arts Society Center
 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna (near Marco Polo site)
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

April 11

Board Meeting 7:30 pm
 Bauer Home, Vienna

April 14

Caboose Open!
 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 18

Youth Awards of Excellence—**NOTE Location & Time!**
Madison High School
6:30 Dinner — Teacher Work Rooms
 (Enter School at Door 1)
7:30 Awards — Warhawk Hall

April 25

"Fourth Wednesday" dinner delivery
 Culmore Teen Center
 Team B (Tom Bauer, Captain)

April 28

Special Olympics Track & Field Event
 Episcopal High School

News and Notes

Our rescheduled **Wine & Art/New Optimist Welcome** social is Wednesday, April 4. If you responded yes to the last RSVP you do NOT have to respond again. If you were a maybe please firm that up to yes or no. If your plans have changed however please let President Susan know ASAP (that means TODAY) so that she has a count for refreshments.



On **April 18** we will have our **TR Cook Youth Awards of Excellence** program at James Madison High School. These awards honor outstanding juniors from Madison, Marshall and Oakton for excellence in Academics, Citizenship, Fine & Performing Arts, Science, Sports, and Technology. Our speaker will be Jen Morrow, owner of Bards Alley, a book store and wine cafe on Church Street. Jen will tell us how her experiences in the public and private sectors prepared her for this adventure.



Dinner will be served in the teacher work rooms at the front of the school at **6:30**. The **program begins at 7:30** in Warhawk Hall. Members should plan to go to Warhawk Hall as soon as they are finished with their dinner so they can mingle with our guests. This is a great way to promote our club and attract new members. And remember—these parents are in a great position to join the Optimists, as many of them are “graduating” from years of involvement in youth sports, PTAs, and other kid-oriented activities. We are the next logical step for all that energy and enthusiasm!

Are you ready? A new season for our **Farmers’ Market**—recently crowned “Best of Fairfax” by Sun Gazette readers—begins the first Saturday in May. A great new location awaits us at the recently renovated Vienna Community Center. Enthusiasm is high, expectations are high, and we need member support to be...high!

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

Watermark: VIENNA VIRGINIA OPTIMISTS BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS

Starburst: Farmers' Market Opens



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From the President ...

Greetings Fellow Optimists,

Our Wine & Art NOW meeting is back on the calendar for April 4th! Same time, same place, and hopefully the same people. Our district Governor Donna Aker is still planning to join us for a bit of libation and creative brush strokes. Whoever was doing the snow dance last time, cut it out! It is spring for heaven's sake.

At our next couple of meetings, we will be doing what the Optimists love to do most and that is to honor deserving students with awards. First up is the **TRCook Youth Awards of Excellence** at James Madison High School and then the **Sheryl A. Friedley Helping Hands Awards** at the fancy, dancy Westwood Country Club. Sheryl is planning a trip back east to attend the dinner on May 2nd and it will be a great time for her to catch up with her Optimist friends.

A big thank you to **Mike Fitzella** for organizing our Oratorical Contest in March. Even though he was thrown a curve ball when two schools dropped out of the competition at the 11th hour, Mike took it in stride and we still had our contest with two winning students from Thoreau Middle School. The District Competition will be held on Saturday, May 19, at the Embassy Suites in Ashburn VA. I hope some of you will join me at the CapVA District meeting to support them.

In case you missed it, The Sun Gazette newspaper rated our very own Vienna Farmers Market "Best Farmers Market" in their 2018 Best of Fairfax InsideNOVA.com. Way to go Farmers Market Managers! Wait till you see what's new when the market opens at our new location at the Vienna Community Center on May 5.

Speaking of new locations, I hope everyone enjoyed our last meeting at the Vienna American Legion. We will meet there again for our JOI club presentations May 16.

Finally, as president, I had the opportunity to speak on behalf of our Optimists Club at the Fairfax County Spelling Bee March 18, which we helped sponsor. Seventy-eight schools from all over the county participated in the contest. I spoke to the students and their families from our Creed, noting that not everyone would win but at some point most of them would make a mistake. It's ok to make a mistake but then you need...



To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future

I also reminded them that there were only three trophies sitting on the table. Not everyone was going to win so they also needed...

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of oth-



April Birthday Wishes to:

Jim Stivison – April 2

Optimist Anniversaries in April

Mike Byard – 27 years

Anna Ryjik – 10 years

Dick Gongaware – 10 years

Michele Wright – 10 years

Tom Bauer – 9 years



ers as you are about your own

I think Christian D. Larson had some universal truths in mind when he wrote that creed. There's some good advice in it for all ages and times.

Happy Spring everyone.

Susan - Madame President

Board Meeting Highlights March 2018

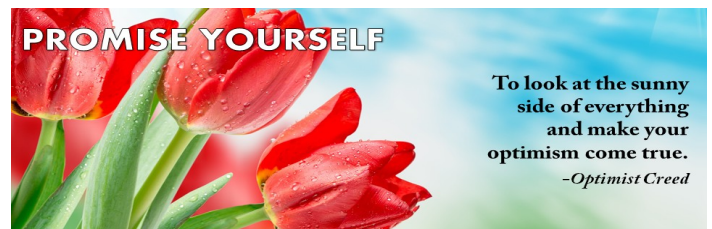
The Board of Directors met on March 14, 2018, with six members present, plus two members by proxy. Highlights of the meeting include:

- Susan reported the March 7 meeting at the Vienna American Legion got positive feedback from members. We are in a trial period with the Vienna Legion. Points to consider are the higher cost than Fairfax Legion and possible scheduling conflicts.
- Plans for Growing Hope Family Day 2018 will change, per request from Growing Hope. Alternate plans are being considered.
- Identifying vests for Optimist events (e.g., Farmers' Market, Caboose) will be purchased, and kept in the Farmers' Market supply shed.
- Draft design for a new banner was presented and revisions were suggested.
- Donations were approved to: Flint Hill ES Fun Run; Madison All-Night Grad Party; Girl Scout Troop #5386 for a project at Peterson Lane Park; CapVA Junior Golf; and Madison Track & Field Team.



Remember to Smile! And not just to show your optimistic good nature, but when you order on Amazon. Our Club's Foundation will receive a donation every time you make a purchase *IF* you (1) designate the Foundation as your Smile charity, and (2) sign in to Amazon through the Smile link each time you shop:

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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 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