

OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

The Newsletter of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna
August 2018

Calendar

August 1

Social Meeting—Clarity Restaurant
6:00 pm -8:00 pm

August 4

Farmers Market
Park & Cherry Sts. SE
(Parking lot of Vienna Community Center)
8:00 am to noon

August 8

Board Meeting
7:30 pm Bauer Home, Vienna

August 11

Farmers Market
8:00 am to noon

August 15

Regular Meeting
“Regratifying Foundation”
Vienna American Legion Post 180
6:45—Social Time; 7:00—Dinner

August 17

Chillin’ on Church
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

August 18

Farmers Market
8:00 am to noon

August 22

“Fourth Wednesday” dinner delivery
Culmore Teen Center; Team A (Laurie Cole, Captain)

August 25

Farmers’ Market
8:00 am to noon

News and Notes

[**Editor’s Note:** The August edition of *Optimistically Speaking* was delayed because of the decidedly un-Optimistic behavior of the staff here at newsletter HQ. In an unauthorized wildcat work action which flouted the tenet that we “work only for the best”, the entire workforce refused to buckle down and produce the newsletter. Claiming “it’s too hot to work; we don’t feel like it!”, the reporting, editing, graphics, and distribution teams poured themselves another iced tea and sat back down in front of the fan. Management has finally struggled to produce this bare-bones edition. Rest assured that September’s edition will see the OS at its usual level of content. Thank you for your patience.]

Regratifying Foundation

The Club meets on **August 15** at the **Vienna American Legion Post** for dinner and a program by the **Regratifying Foundation**.

This organization’s mission is to “inspire foster care youth to identify their personal potential that will allow them to thrive now and after foster care.” We will also be presented with the nominated slate of officers for the 2018-19 program year. Please contact [President Susan Bauer](#) to let her know if you will attend (so we have the right number of seats and meals!).



Don’t forget we will be assisting with beer sales for **Chillin’ on Church** on Friday, **August 17**. Everyone interested in volunteering to help should **contact [President Susan](#) ASAP!** Volunteers must attend a 5:00 pm orientation with Town Staff; shifts are available from 5:00 to 10:00.



While the produce rolling into our **Farmers Market** is at peak season, we are at the low point for volunteers (vacations, etc. take their toll!). So please make the effort to commit a couple (or four) hours to the Market now. **Sign up at the [Club’s website](#)**. And even if you can’t volunteer on a given week, don’t be shy about coming to shop. We don’t judge!



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From the President ...

[Hi, your Editor here again. President Susan wrote and submitted her monthly message in a timely fashion. It is entirely the fault of *Optimistically Speaking* (cf. our note on Page One) that some of the items referenced are already passed. Again, we regret the delay.]

Greetings Fellow Optimists,

It's hard to believe that 2018 and summer is halfway over but August is upon us already. Where has the time gone?

Even though many Optimists are enjoying vacations this summer, we had a good turnout for our **First Responder Award dinner on July 18th. EMT/Firefighter Sean Sharifi** was our first honoree and was a wonderful choice having put in over 1000 hours of volunteer time at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

Nine of us braved the rainy weather to dance to the tunes of **Les Carl and his New Dominion Band** at the Alley Cat in Alexandria on July 21st. Les gave the Optimists a nice shout out for the volunteer work our club does for the kids in our community. Thank you Les. I think everyone enjoyed the evening.

Happy 50th Anniversary to **Barbara and Dick Lippert**.

August 1st is our social at **Clarity** from 6 to 8 and on August 15th we will meet at the Vienna Legion to hear from **Ramon Montes** founder of the **Regratifying Foundation**. We will start at our regular time 6:45.

"Chillin' on Church" is Fri. Aug. 17th, 6:30 to 9:30. We are on board to work the beer and wine sales for a cut of the proceeds, so pray it doesn't rain and we have lots of thirsty folks. You can volunteer to take part in Vienna's Block party by emailing me asap. Volunteer responsibilities run from 5:00 to 10:00. Everyone must attend the 5:00 orientation. *Please wear your blue Optimist volunteer shirt.*

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Madame President, **Susan**



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

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