



OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

The Newsletter of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna

August 2020

Calendar

August 1—Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon
Vienna Community Center

August 5

Board Meeting by Zoom Remote Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Contact President Bruce for Meeting Link

August 8 — Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon
Vienna Community Center

August 15 — Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon
Vienna Community Center

August 19 — We Meet Again!

Club Meeting by Zoom Remote Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Meeting Invitation and Link will be sent by email to all members

August 27 — Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon
Vienna Community Center

News and Notes

It may be time to update our Optimist Creed, to include something to the effect of, “*Promise Yourself ... to roll with the punches and make the best of the situation you are in.*” * **We are doing that every day**, individually and as an organization.

Our **Farmers Market** is operating with great success under the pandemic-driven regulations. **Credit is due to the Market’s leadership team and the Optimists who volunteer** Saturday mornings to keep things running safely and smoothly. Please help at the Market when you can. Signing up is easy at the [Club’s website](#) or by responding to the SignupGenius invitation sent weekly.

We are taking the step to **re-start Club meetings**—in a format we never anticipated, and which was unimaginable at our founding 65 years ago. On **Wednesday, August 19, at 7:30 p.m., we will gather by Zoom**. To participate you will need to download the FREE Zoom meeting software from zoom.us. (Note that the domain is “.us”, not “.com”). You do not need a paid Zoom account to participate in the meeting. More details are provided in our President’s letter on page 2.



The Nominating Committee is preparing its slate of officers for the 2020-21 program year. As you can see, there are still good seats available! Contact Committee Chair Susan Bauer if you are interested in joining the Board.

President: Tom Bauer
Immediate Past President: Bruce Lauther
President Elect: **Vacant**
Secretary: **Vacant**
Treasurer: Michele Wright
VP Community: Susan Bauer
VP Finance: **Vacant**
VP Media Relations/Webmaster: Gary Moonan

VP Membership: Joe Miller
VP Youth: Mike Fitzella
Director of Community: Donna Wohlsheid
Director of Finance: **Vacant**
Director of Membership: Fritz Irwin
Director of Print Media: **Vacant**
Director of Social Media: **Vacant**
Director of Youth: Ed Wonder

*Grammar hard-liners who object to that sentence for ending with a preposition should please direct all complaints to the Copy Editor at this Newsletter.**

****Help Wanted:** Copy Editor for Club Newsletter.



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From thy President...

Prayers 'n' Cheers go out to the Brothers 'n' Sisters within our Optimist Family to be Safe and find Joy in each bright new day.

The Town of Vienna has just approved and provided a grant of \$1,000.00 to our club for continuing our many activities about the community. The strong support and continuing endorsement by the Mayor and Council Members in all of our programs is deeply appreciated.

The activities in and about our Farmers Market on Saturday Mornings continues to be excellent. Our vendors are responsive and supporting the prescribed safety protocols.



Our marketplace visitors “pep up” and begin to smile beneath their face masks as they approach the market and respond warmly in return to the warm greetings offered by our volunteering members. The musical performances each week have been excellent and are very well received. How nice to see our visiting guests standing or sitting ‘n’ holding hands. And, good news, some tentative member prospects have surfaced in chats with our volunteers. Spread the word of how wonderful this year’s marketplace has turned out, despite the challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic, due the ministries of our Chairpersons, **Michele Wright** ‘n’ **Dick Gongaware**.

All forecasts suggest that formal dinner meetings together will be impractical and unsafe for the general membership through the balance of OI Fiscal Year 2019-’20. We have held several very proactive and successful virtual meeting for your Board of Directors (BOD). We will now shift to at least one--and if successful hold one or two virtual--on line gathering(s) monthly for our general membership using the **ZOOM APP**, available for downloading at <http://Zoom.us/>. Our first virtual meeting for the general membership is set to start

at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 19th, 2020. Our agenda’s format will be simplified: First hellos: Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation; concise updates by BOD Members; a video presentation captured from recent 101st OI Virtual National Convention; opportunity for participating members to comment briefly on their “hunkerin’ down” experiences and any needs; and a closing with the Optimists Creed.

Please contact our delightful Webmaster **Gary Moonan** (gjmoonan@gmail.com) for instructions to down load and to employ the ZOOM APP on your Computers, Kindles, iPADS, or iPhones. This experience will open up new doors of opportunity for you and yours in participating in book clubs, happy hours at home, visual lectures, etc.

Shouts of praise are sent out to our seasoned experts **Dick Lippert** and **Ed Wonder** for their splendid endeavors to resolve the many challenges for opening the Christmas Tree Lot again this Fall.

Do be safe. You and yours and in our t’s, p’s ‘n’ h, i.e., thoughts, prayers ‘n’ heart. Here comes a broad, warm smile for each of you and yours from beneath my face mask...

Your Bruce

We are deeply sorry to report the passing of long-time Optimist **Barbara McHale** on August 5, 2020. Barbara served our Optimist Club in many roles, including as President in 2005-06—and unofficially as good-will ambassador and recruiter-in-chief through her many contacts in the community.



As of now we do not have information about services or memorials. Friends wishing to reach out to the family can contact Barbara’s daughter Kathryn via Barbara’s cell phone number (available in past directories; please contact Susan Bauer for more information).

We offer our condolences to Barbara’s family on their loss.