

OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

The Newsletter of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna

September 2014

Calendar

Sept. 1 – Labor Day

Sept. 3 – Growing Hope Kick-Off Meeting!

6:45—Social Time; 7:30 p.m.—Dinner
Marco Polo Restaurant

Sept. 6 – Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon—301 Center Street, South

Sept. 7 – NOW Reception

4:30-6:30 p.m.—Sweet City Desserts , Vienna

Sept. 10 – Board Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Sept. 13 – Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon—301 Center Street, South

Sept. 13—Caboose Open

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sept. 17 – Regular Meeting

President Tom's Year-in-Review

6:45—Social Time; 7:30 p.m.—Dinner
Marco Polo Restaurant

Sept. 20— Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon—301 Center Street, South

Sept. 24—Fourth Wednesday

"Team C" Delivers Dinner to Culmore Teen Center

Sept. 27 – Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon—301 Center Street, South

Sept. 27— Growing Hope Family Fun Day

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.—Vienna Town Green

Spotlight on Upcoming Events

You may notice a real squeeze in the calendar to the left—we have so much going on in September it is hard to fit it all in!



We open September with our meeting on the 3rd, kicking-off our ninth annual campaign to benefit Growing Hope. Our guest speaker will be Growing Hope Board Member Paula Lackey. Paula's moving personal story and her commitment to helping other families are inspirational. Our Childhood Cancer Campaign coordinators Anna Ryjik, Susan Bauer and Michele Wright will brief us on plans for the Family Fun Day on September 27 (see *the article on page 3*). Come to the meeting on September 3 ready to sign the volunteer sheet, buy some raffle tickets, and make a donation. And bring a friend!

Our NOW – New Optimists Welcome! – reception is set for September 7, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at [Sweet City Desserts](#), 131A Maple Ave. West, Vienna (in the alley between Maple Ave. and Church Street). Bring a prospective member to this fun and informative introduction to our Optimist Club! Contact [Joe Miller](#) or [Tom Spengler](#) for more information.



The Farmers Market is still going strong as it heads toward the end of the season. Don't worry—there is still time to volunteer! Our Market Administrator Sarah Brady has an update on what's happening at the Market this month on page 4. And get started on your holiday shopping with our new Caboose T-shirt for kids! (See page 4.)



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for Almost 60 Years

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From the President—

Fellow Vienna Optimists,

I am writing this while on vacation in Orleans, MA. We are on a quieter part of Cape Cod, but yesterday I was doing some light yard work and Timothy Geithner came running by the house. Other than our only celebrity sighting we are relaxing here with our daughters and two grandchildren before a very busy September schedule for the Vienna Optimists.

We start out September with our Kick-Off meeting to our Growing Hope campaign on September 3rd at Marco Polo. We will have a speaker from Growing Hope and anticipate an above average attendance. This is a great meeting to bring a prospective new member because this shows Optimism at our best.

We follow that meeting with our very important NOW (New Optimist Welcome) meeting on Sunday, September 7th from 4:30pm–6:30pm at Sweet City Desserts. For this meeting we ask you to bring a prospective new member. We will have wine and hors d'oeuvres followed by a few short testimonials about why being part of the Vienna Optimists is a rewarding service experience. We have done a great job attracting new members this year. **THIS MEETING IS CRITICAL TO THE CONTINUED VITALITY OF OUR CLUB** and to our service to the youth of our community. **PLEASE BRING A NEW MEMBER.**

The second meeting of the month on September 17th will be my farewell meeting as your President. We will also induct new members and have the final briefing on our big September event—our FAMILY FUN DAY for GROWING HOPE on September 27th. Anna Ryjik, Susan Bauer, Michele Wright and others have been busy preparing for this event.

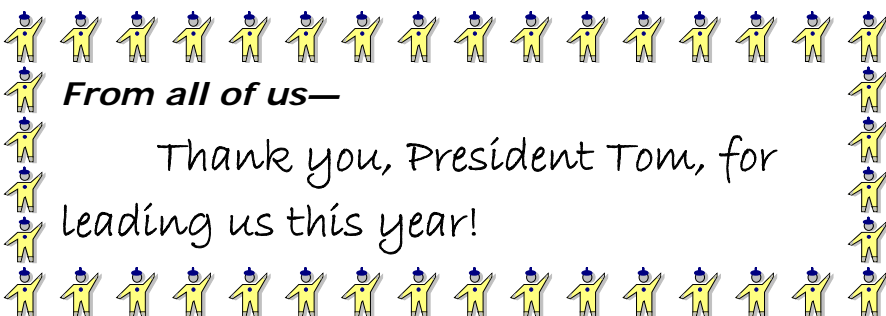
Let's make this our biggest and most successful ever!

It is with regrets and a huge dose of gratitude that we accept Sarah Jane Brady's resignation as the Administrator of our Farmer's Market. Sarah took on this project seven years ago. The more time I have spent at the market, the greater my appreciation has been of the fine work that Sarah and Dave Lanphear have done with this weekly spring, summer and fall event—and the year-round work that makes it possible. In addition to huge logistical coordination of the market, Sarah has dealt with changing locations and this year's construction on Center Street.

Sarah Brady—THANK YOU for your fine work!

Expecting Only the Best!

President Tom Spengler



From all of us—

Thank you, President Tom, for leading us this year!



September Birthday Wishes to:

Mike Battaglia – September 13

Jim Spain - September 15

Optimist Anniversaries in September:

Courtney Sargent – 32 years

Barbara McHale – 23 years

Bob McCormick – 16 years

Kathy Georgen – 12 years

Sara Goldberg – 7 years

Scott Klapot – 6 years

Joe Miller – 4 years

Kathryn McHale – 4 years

Laura Yi – 3 years



Can you believe this is our ninth year of partnership with Growing Hope? Our Club meeting on Sept. 3 is the kick-off for the campaign, but lots of work has been going on already. Here is our update from Growing Hope campaign coordinator, **Anna Ryjik**:

Our 9th Annual Growing Hope childhood cancer campaign is well underway. Donations provide educational, financial and social support to children with cancer and their families. Johns Hopkins University & Medical Center also receives a portion of donations through the Optimist International Foundation.

The campaign culminates in a **Family Fun Day. The event is held on Saturday, September 27th on the Vienna Town Green from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Games and activities, a dunk tank, moon bounce, face painting, balloon crafting, food and refreshments are all part of the fun. The band *Donaldson's Run* will once again play a medley of folk, country and rock selections. This year's event will also feature a **Fun Run** at 9:00 a.m. organized jointly with Madison High School's cross country runners and The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna. Other highlights include:

- 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.: Raffles
- 12:30 p.m.: Dr. Jennifer Dean speaks about the work of Growing Hope
- 12:45 p.m.: Live auction



The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna is sponsoring its Childhood Cancer Campaign event on September 27th, the last Saturday in September, to assist local area children diagnosed with cancer and their families.



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Bring the whole family, have fun, and financially support this great cause!

Family Fun Day!
for **Growing Hope**
The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna's
Ninth Fundraising Event for the
Childhood Cancer Campaign

September 27, 2014
The Vienna Town Green
144 Maple Avenue East
(Maple Avenue & Mill Street)
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Live auctions and raffle drawings
Fun for everyone of all ages!
Food w Live Musical Entertainment w Face Painter
w Fun Activities for the whole family! w
w Balloon Artist, and a Free T-shirt for those who donate! w

Fun Run!
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Each Club member can contribute to our success in multiple ways—by volunteering to help at the Family Fun Day, by attending the event with family and friends, and by making a donation to our campaign.

For the September 3rd meeting:

- ☞ Please bring a guest to hear Paula Lackey, a Board Member from Growing Hope speak about the great work done for local children battling cancer.
- ☞ Please come with cash or checkbook in hand to pre-purchase raffle tickets to be drawn at the Family Fun Day. Get **1 FREE raffle ticket** when you buy a raffle ticket(s) at the meeting only. Drawing will be on September 27th.
- ☞ Sign up to volunteer on Family Fun Day from our website or use this link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15M7y6i2jpN_fdhRzuQ6juB58ldBh7Pr-Elrr2L6x20/edit#gid=766092048

CABOOSE T-SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

Children's T-shirts with a picture of our iconic red caboose on them are now on sale. Shirts are \$11 and we have children's sizes xs to xl. Your little conductor can head back to school (or off to pre-school) in style! Anyone wishing to purchase a shirt should contact [Michele Wright](#).



August Board Meeting Highlights

There was no formal Board meeting in August. Necessary business was conducted by email and the following action was taken: Approved the membership application of Lydia Russo, who was sponsored by Kathy Cutri. The next Board meeting is September 10 at 7:30 p.m.

September at the Vienna Farmers Market

From our Market Administrator Sarah Brady:

Summer may be over but the Farmers Market is just getting started. TJ Michael, balloon artist, will return to the market September 6! On September 13, the Patrick Henry Library will be our guest nonprofit and at 10 am will feature a storyteller in front of the playground. Also on September 13, Faith Baptist kicks off its annual Giveback Day, more details to follow. On September 20, we welcome back unofficial market guests--Vienna Moms!



Bluegrass group Sweet Yonder performing at the Farmers Market.

Last but not least, bluegrass group, *Sweet Yonder*, is scheduled to play again on September 6th, 13th and 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please check the [Vienna Farmers Market Facebook page](#) each week for updates and changes.

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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