

OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

The Newsletter of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna

Mid-November 2016

Calendar

November 9— Board Meeting

November 12 — Caboose Open
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

November 13 — Concert
“Sweet Yonder” at Jammin’ Java
3:00 p.m.

November 16 — Regular Meeting
Carol Waite Brennan Awards
Fairfax American Legion Post
6:45 Social Time; 7:30 Dinner and Program

November 19 — Tree Lot Prep
Move Trailer and Stands to Giant Parking Lot
9:00 a.m.

November 22 — First Tree Delivery
6:00 p.m. at Tree Lot

**November 24 —
Thanksgiving**

**November 25 —
Second Tree Delivery**
9:00 a.m. at Tree Lot

November 26 — Tree Sales Begin
9:00 a.m. Lot Closes at 8:00 p.m.

November 28 — Caboose Open
“Church Street Stroll”
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Spotlight on Upcoming Events

Our annual **Carol Waite Brennan Youth Appreciation Awards** will be presented at our meeting on **Wednesday, November 16**. Join us as we honor seniors from Madison, Marshall, and Oakton high schools with scholarships, and remember the contributions that Carol made to our Club.



Our 2015 Award winners, with Carol and Matt's daughter Kelly Brennan, far right.

Enjoy soulful, joyful bluegrass music at Jammin’ Java on **Sunday, November 13**, when our friends (and Farmers Market favorites) “**Sweet Yonder**” perform at 3:00 p.m. In conjunction with our Club, the band will donate a portion of the concert proceeds to benefit Final Salute, an organization that helps homeless female veterans. Get advance tickets at <http://www.jamminjava.com/event/1300063-sweet-yonder-vienna/>. Contact Sweet Yonder at SweetYonder@gmail.com.

You can fulfill that childhood dream of being a train conductor! **Our Big Red Caboose will be open twice in November**. Our regular monthly opening on **November 12** needs conductors for the **3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. shift**. Our special opening for the Town of Vienna’s Annual **Church Street Stroll on November 28** has several slots available from **6:00 p.m.-9:00p.m.**



Time to dig out the warm woolies and your holiday spirit—Christmas trees are almost here! Emails went out earlier this month with vital tree sales info. Get the highlights inside on page 2. Sign up early and often!



Serving the Youth of Greater Vienna
for over 60 Years!

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It's time for Ye Olde

Christmas Tree Sales

In just a couple of weeks we will be setting up for and starting our Christmas tree sales. **The tree sales are the major fundraiser for our Youth Fund** through which we provide support for numerous activities for kids in the greater Vienna community. This is our concentrated "all hands on deck" effort to build the foundation for next year's programs.

Members should have received the schedule for tree sales and their team assignments under separate cover. The major dates for sales activity are shown below. For several good and cogent reasons, we have made one change to the traditional schedule. This year will close at 8 PM instead of 9 PM with the proviso that if customers are on the lot at 8 PM we will stay until the last customer is served. We hope this change will be beneficial to both our workers and our customers.

Please contact your team captain to sign up early and often for your shifts.

- November 19** Move stands and trailer to tree lot (9 AM)
- November 22** First tree delivery (6 PM)
- November 25** Second tree delivery and lot setup (9 AM)
- November 26** Tree sales begin (9 AM)
- December 23*** Sales end (*or earlier, if trees are sold out)
- December 24** Move stands and trailer to storage (9 AM)



Don't know your team assignment? Contact Jim Houston, info@optimistclubofgreatervienna.org.

Answer the Call to Volunteer!

- ☞ Be a Friend of Youth
- ☞ Represent our Club
- ☞ Help your Fellow Optimists
- ☞ Serve the Community



November Birthday Wishes to:

Mike Fitzella	November 1
Ed Wonder	November 4
Courtney Sargent	November 6
Steve Schuneman	November 6
Al Dunkerley	November 12
Jim Houston	November 19
Mike Byard	November 21
Michele Wright	November 24

Optimist Anniversaries In November

T.R. Cook	42 years
Tom Spengler	6 years
Mark Keam	6 years



October 2016

Board Meeting Highlights

The Board of Directors met on October 12 with eight members present. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- Conducted a detailed review of the Operating Fund and Youth Fund 2016-2017 budgets, made adjustments, and approved the budgets.
- Discussed plans for the Carol Waite Brennan Scholarship program scheduled for November 16.
- Reviewed and approved the Christmas tree order and prices for this year.
- Noted that the Growing Hope Family Fun Day netted over \$35,000 and discussed preliminary plans for next year's event.
- Discussed the status of the Farmers Market and plans for next year.
- Approved a donation to Faith Baptist Church to show our appreciation for the use of their prop-

erty for the Farmers Market.

- Approved a donation to The Theatre Arts Festival for Youth (TAFFY) to support programs at the Alternative House, Kilmer Center School and the Cedar Lane School Center.

Congratulations

Susan Bauer

Kathy Cutri

John Andrews



on being recognized as **Outstanding Optimists** for 2016 by outgoing President Joe Miller.

Thank you for your service to the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna and for your commitment to Bringing out the Best in Kids!

OPTIMIST CLUB OF GREATER VIENNA Board of Directors 2016-17

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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