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# The Optimist Monthly Friend of Youth

## Upcoming Events:

### January 2012

1/18 Optimist Luncheon  
returns to WGCC. The  
guest speaker will give  
us a glimpse Inside the  
Commonwealth

## Pari-Scope

Greetings, everyone!  
Hope your respective  
New Years are off to a  
great beginning! Our

**Attorney's Office. Ms. Theo Stamos, Virginia Commonwealth's Attorney, was elected in November 2011, having served as Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney since 2002 under Richard Trodden. Thank you, Barbara Nicastro, for inviting your friend to be the luncheon speaker.**

**February**

**2/1: "The Art of Fine Gourmet Dining," presented by Adnane Kebaïre, Maitre d' of Marcel's (Zagot's #1 rated restaurant in Washington). WGCC.**

**2/15: Valentine's**

**Arlington Optimist Club enjoyed a very successful fall that included interesting lunch speakers, a wonderful Tip-Off Classic Basketball Tournament (thanks Greg and your terrific team), and a record-breaking Christmas Tree Sale (hats off to Sandy and JB for all your efforts leading the charge).**

**All enjoyed our 61st Annual Holiday**

Luncheon, with Lucy Bowen MaCauley on using Dance as Treatment for Parkinson's, and her Program for the kids at Kenmore Middle School. WGCC.

**Christmas**  
**Tree Lot**  
**A Success.**

Sandy Bushue is preparing a final report, which should be available as soon

Breakfast held at the Washington Golf and Country Club! Our talented Chris Cole provided wonderful holiday tunes on the piano to help create the mood. The Salvation Army's Major Steve Morris led us in his thoughtful Invocation and Benediction. Yorktown High School's Madrigal Singers, led by Director Roger Oliver,

**as the last bills are received. In the meantime, Sandy sends us the following remarks:**

***"Fortunately, we had good weather which helped with sells and our security guards did a great job in keeping tree burglars away!"***

**delighted everyone with their beautifully arranged acapella performance. Senator Blanche Lincoln delivered an inspirational keynote address calling for more collegial political discussions rather than polarizing ones. Yvonne Pover won a Lifetime Membership from our Club's traditional drawing. And, in a definitely not over rehearsed**

***"There are so many people to thank! Stay tuned for the report coming soon!! Thank you everyone!!"***

**Sandy has called a Christmas Tree meeting for next Tuesday, January 17, at 6:00 pm at WGCC. She urges anyone with suggestions**

**conclusion, the special breakfast concluded with the entire crowd jingling their individual jingle bell favors, and singing an "Optimistic" variation on "Jingle Bells."**

**Anyone interested in helping out on our golf tournament to be held this spring, please contact JB. Planning committee meetings will begin being held in the next few weeks.**

for 2012 to attend.

## **Recent Meeting Summaries:**

12/07: "A new Era at Marymount University." Dr. Matthew D. Shank, Sixth President of Marymount University gave us a friendly and informative rundown on the growth and programs at the university.

Although nursing is still the university's top program (offering BS, MS, and PhD degrees), the school continues to

**The next Board Meeting will be held at 11 am on Wednesday, January 18, in the Woodrow Wilson Room at WGCC. Anyone who would like to attend may, although only current Board Members may vote.**

### **Thought for the Day:**

***"Hominem vivosum faciamus"***

**add programs, including sports management.**

**Importantly, Dr. Shank asked us to consider inviting Marymount students to be volunteers at some of our upcoming activities, or as mentors to Arlington students. He also suggested faculty members could assist us in essay and oratorical contests. Al Pierce, for inviting your friend to be our speaker. Did you know that there are 3,700 students attending Marymount, about 1/3 of whom are in graduate programs?**

**12/21: Christmas Breakfast was a great success again this year.**

**Whoever contacts me first with the correct translation will get a prize announced at the next luncheon.**

**Happy New Year,**

**Brig Pari**

**President**

**Arlington Optimists**

**A special thanks to Brig for organizing the event. The featured speaker was Senator Blanche Lincoln (D, AR). Thank you, Brig, for inviting Senator Lincoln.**

**The Yorktown Madrigals, under the direction of Roger Oliver, provided musical entertainment, as did Chris Cole with his "festive" piano contributions. The madrigals performed a special song, written by Brig Pari, which is printed below:**

**To the tune of Jingle Bells:**

***One more year flew by***



*In our dear old  
Arlington  
Optimists are we  
Helping kids have fun.*

*Kicking soccer balls  
Watching ACORNs  
grow  
What fun it is to hear a  
speech  
And learn how much  
kids know. Oh!*

*Optimists  
Optimists  
Selling Christmas  
trees  
Chippin' in to Babe  
Ruth Ball  
And youth activities!*

*Optimists  
Optimists  
Optimists delight  
Helping kids achieve*

***their dreams***

***Oh, what a happy  
sight!***

**1/4 Optimist Luncheon at  
Thirsty Bernie's  
Restaurant, 2163 N.  
Glebe Road, Arlington,  
22207. The 1/4 luncheon  
was our  
annual Advertising/Netw  
orking Day. Several  
prospective members  
attended. The food was  
excellent, although the  
room was a little on the  
noisy side.**

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