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The Optimist Monthly Friend of Youth

Upcoming Events:

12/03-04: Basketball
Tip-Off Classic: Again
this year, Greg Clough
has put together the
Optimist "Tip-Off
Classic" at Marymount

Pari-Scope

As you can
tell by the

University. The basketball rounds will take place on Saturday, December 3, at 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, and on Sunday, December 4 from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm. Please contact Greg if you would like to help out with the activities, including manning the Optimist's snack sales.

12/06: Second delivery of Christmas trees.

Unloading begins at 8:00 am. This shipment is of 1,300 trees on two trucks. If you can come out, please help out. There are lots of ways to help, such as dragging trees to the appropriate spots or

items set out in this newsletter (kudos to Mark Whitenton for pulling it together), our club has quite a few irons in the fire going. If you have any spare time, even a few minutes, please check

cut the twine to fluff out the trees. This is the big one (delivery, that is). **Your help is definitely welcome!**

12/07: "A New Era at Marymount Univeristy," with guest speaker Dr. Matthew D. Shank, Sixth President of Marymount University. Dr. Shank, invited by Al Pierce, became the university's president on July 1, 2011.

12/21:
Christmas Breakfast from

in with Greg Clough (to help with our Basketball Tourny this weekend) or with Sandy Bushue (our Christmas Tree lot diva).

Thanks to all members for helping out in the past, present and future...Let's

**7:30 to 9:00
a.m. at WGCC.**

Christmas Tree

Lot News:

**Thanks to the
extraordinary
work by JB
Whitlow, and
good planning
by Sandy
Bushue, the
Christmas Tree
lot opened on
Saturday,
November 26.
A special**

**make this our
best year
ever!**

**Also, if you
intend to
attend our
upcoming
holiday
breakfast
event, please
bring an
unwrapped
children's
book. I am
keeping my
fingers**

recognition is due to JB Whitlow. Prior to opening day, JB had pre-built all new tree frames and -- with only a few elves helping -- spent two entire afternoons moving and assembling the frames, putting up the light poles, and stringing the

crossed that our Reading Adventures for Adults and Kids program is going to be extended to more schools...stay tuned.

In the meantime, Sue Gartner was last lunch's lucky winner of our

lights.

Moreover, JB came back a third time (Sunday, November 27) to make finishing touches, including erecting a barrier between the cutting area and the payment area as a safety measure for

“What Does This Mean?” contest.

The first Optimist to send me the correct translation of “Chirothecas meas invenire non possum” will be the next winner...who will it be?

patrons.

A number of Optimists came out to help unload the first load of trees (approximately 585) the morning of November 22. Dick Knight again arranged for men from the Phoenix House to help unload, and

**Optimistically
yours,
Brig Pari,
President
Arlington
Optimists**

**again this year,
they did a lot of
the heavy
lifting. Sandy
mentions the
assistance of
the following
Optimists: Brig
Pari and Greg
Clough (who
both stayed late
to help JB set
up the lighting),
Bill Swanson
and his friend,
"G", lot COO
Lloyd Hicks,**

**Sue Gartner,
Conley Ricker,
John Farina and
Dick McHugh
(two of the lot
captains), Whiz
Mountain, and
our newest
members: Greg
Ayers and Brian
Kellenberger.**

**Sandy Bushue
also reports
that sales over
this first
weekend were**

**brisk and hit a
"first weekend"
record. She
gives a special
thanks to
Barbara
Nicastro and
Brian
Kellenberger for
extra efforts to
keep the trees
flowing that
weekend.**

**Sandy reminds
us of the need
to make note of**

**your shift date
and time. If you
need to
switch, please
find a
replacement
and let the
Captain for the
week know. We
are short on
Optimist "man-
power" this
year, so it is
very important
that you show
up or make
arrangements**

**for a
replacement.**

**Last year we
suspected
some tree theft.
Sandy reports
that just the day
after the first
delivery,
despite the fact
that the lot
lights were left
on overnight,
our supplier of
wreaths and
garlands**

**arrived on the
lot around 12:30
a.m. catching a
couple of
thieves in
action. The
supplier chased
them and was
able to secure a
tag number.
Arlington Co.
police ran the
tag, which
turned out to be
a Fairfax
County
resident.**

Sandy further reports that the Optimists have engaged a young man, John Schwartz, to monitor the lot from lot closing to sun up. John will patrol the lot during the night until the stock of trees diminishes. Sandy requests

**that if you are
out late at night
or early in the
morning, please
drop by and say
"Hi" to John.**

**He can use
some company,
and bringing
him a hot
chocolate or
coffee would
always be
welcome, she
added.**

Update on Optimist

Soccer: Greg Clough

reports that the Arlington Optimists have agreed to participate with the Arlington Soccer Association for sponsorship and naming rights for the Rec Club, which has close to 250 players from Kindergarten up through 8th grade. The Optimists will donate \$5,000 for this sponsorship.

**Meeting
Summaries
and Guest
Speakers:**

11/02: "Is The U.S. Financially Going the Way of Europe?" by Jim Burgess, CPA and Optimist member since 1977. Jim, having clients in the US and abroad throughout his professional life, gives us his informed perspective on our nation's current policies and possible outcomes. Thank you, Richard Knight, for suggesting our fellow Optimist to be today's speaker.

11/16: Inter-Service Club Council Luncheon at the Knights of Columbus. About a dozen Optimists joined

**the crowded room to
hear guest speaker
Circuit Court Judge
William Newman, Jr.,
founder of the
Arlington County
Foundation, who spoke
about the importnace
of community service.
The Inter-Service Club
Council named Tom
Graham (nominated by
the Kiwanis CLub) as
Man of the Year and
Laven Chatman-Brown
(nominiaed by The
Links) as Woman of the
Year.**

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