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# The Optimist Monthly Friend of Youth

## Upcoming Events:

### February

2/15: Valentine's Luncheon. Please bring a loved one. Our guest speaker will be Lucy Bowen MaCauley whose

## Pari-Scope

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

dance company performs at the Kennedy Center, on using dance as therapy for Parkinson's patients, and her program for behavioral training for children at Kenmore Middle School. WGCC.

### March

3/7: "The Big Business of American Athletics:"  
by Nick Green of MacDuff Consulting.

## Golf

## Tournament

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

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

**Sandy Bushue is preparing a final report, which should be available as soon as the last bills are received and Larry has finished his accounting.**

**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, delighted everyone**

# **Recent Meeting**

## **Summaries:**

**January 2012**

**1/18: "Inside the Commonwealth Attorney's Office."** Our guest speaker was Ms. Tkheo Stamos, Virginia Commonwealth Attorney, who was elected in November 2100. Ms. Stamos has had more than 25 years of prosecutorial experience in Arlington, and brought a clear, candid, and balanced view of her role to our meeting. Ms. Stamos

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 conclusion, the special

cited a decrease in murders from the 12-13 a year when she started in the mid-1980's to zero in 2011. She told us that currently, the most common serious offences were drinking driving -- 600 cases in 2011. Next was domestic violence at 350. Thank you, Barbara Nicastro, for inviting your colleague to be the speaker for this luncheon.

Trish O'Hara won the 50/50, Bob Skhoutsonns won the mafia pot. Yvone Pover won Brig's Latin puzzle (for an undisclosed

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.

The next Board

prize).

February 2012

2/1: "The Art of Fine  
Gourmet Dining,"

presented by Adnane Kebaïre, Maitre d' of Marcel's (Zagat's #1 rated restaurant in Washington). WGCC. He provided us with an entertaining insight into what it takes to be a Maitre d' at the top restaurant in D.C., Marcel's, as well as what it takes to be a top restaurant. He lauded the restaurant's rejection of the 4 standard linear chef line in favor of a square table approach, where all of the chefs can talk to

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 nivosum  
faciamus"*

Whoever contacts me first with the correct

each other as they prepare Marcel's fabulous dishes. As Maitre d', Adnane let us in on how he quickly he evaluates patrons as they come in, and seats them with similar patrons and with the appropriate server. By the way, Marcel's has 10,000 different wines available, 90 percent of which are from France. Thank you, Al Pierce, for inviting your friend to our event.

JB Whilow won the 50/50, and Trish (again) was a winner -- this time the mafia pot.

translation will get a prize announced at the next luncheon.

Happy New Year,

Brig Pari

President

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