

September 12, 2012

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# The Optimist Monthly Friend of Youth

## Upcoming Events

9/19: Our  
Accomplishments  
During this Past  
Year. Optimist  
President Brig Pari  
reviews the past  
year of Arlington  
Optimists' activities

## Pari-Scope

Happy September,  
Arlington Optimists!

Hopefully, everyone  
enjoyed a terrific  
summer. With a new  
school year, a new  
beginning feel arises in  
the air as it is also time

and initiatives.

**10/03: The Oil Spill: What Did BP Know and When Did They Know It?**

After swearing in the new Arlington Optimists board, our guest, Beverly Sauer, will speak on the BP oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico and how the company could have spotted trouble long before the disaster occurred. WGCC at 12:15.

**10/17: Symphonic Music Returns to Arlington.** Our guest speaker will

to ring in our new officers and board!

It has been an honor to serve as your President, and I want to thank each and every member of our club for an extraordinary learning opportunity, and for your support in my leadership role within our organization.

We have covered a lot of ground, both old and new, over the past year. We have continued our support of traditional programs such as the Essay and Oratorical Contests, and sports such as baseball, soccer, and the rifle team. We have also

be Scott Wood,  
Conductor of the  
Arlington  
Philharmonic.  
WGCC at 12:15.

11/03: The Wiz  
Quiz Program. Lin  
Kelly, co-founder of  
Wiz Quiz in 1994,  
will discuss how  
this program uses  
group activities to  
maintain the brain  
fitness and social  
connections of  
older adults.  
WGCC at 12:15

THIS PAST  
SUMMER'S  
LUNCHEONS

June

become supporters of  
new activities, such as  
Math Dice, and the  
Reading Adventures for  
Adults and Kids Book  
Club.

These endeavors have  
increased our group's  
exposure to Arlington  
Public Schools and to  
the Washington, DC  
community as a whole.  
We have received  
favorable press in the  
*Washington Post*, and  
been recognized by the  
Library of Congress for  
our efforts in  
encouraging youths to  
read.

Our fundraising efforts  
this year included our

**6/06: "Respect for Law Day." Optimist Judge Jim Almand hosted our annual awards luncheon recognizing the exceptional work that Arlington law enforcement has been doing on behalf of our community.**

**6/20: Optimist president Brig Pari led the luncheon participants in an organized "meet your fellow Optimists" event, which provided the opportunity for the attending luncheon participants to**

**ever successful Christmas Tree Sale, and we also reinstated our traditional Golf Tournament.**

**And, for one last time, I would like to include a Latin quote:**

**"Seditqui timuit ne non succederet."**

**As usual, the first person who sends me a correct translation will receive a prize.**

**Inclosing, our luncheon on September 19, 2012, will be indeed bittersweet for me. Not only is my term as your President concluding, but I will also be resigning my**

learn more about each other's personal histories.

## JULY

7/16: Coaches Night. It was well attended and Thirsty Bernies provided a comfortable atmosphere for coaches from the various Optimist-sponsored activities to share their appreciation and discuss their future activities.

7/18: London Olympian Julie Zetlin (daughter of Optimist Mark

membership from the Arlington Optimist Club as well due to personal reasons.

I hope to see you at next Wednesday's luncheon so we can enjoy a very special slide show, and bid each other farewell in person. Wishing you all health and happiness!

Sincerely,

Brig Pari

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Summer Speakers:

**Zetlin) explained just how much optimism, hard work, and perseverance through adversity that it takes to become the only American since 2004 to qualify for the Olympics in Rhythmic Gymnastics.**

**8/01: Educating Youth About the Constitution. Kate Obenshain, VP of Young America's Foundation and the Reagan Ranch, discussed the need for today's young people to learn more about the US**

Arlington Police Awards 6-06

Olympian Julie Zetlin  
7-18

Kate Obenshain 8-01

General Joseph E. Johnston 8-  
15

Susan Mordan, Library of  
Congress 9-05

**Constitution and described the efforts her organization is making in that regard.**

**8/15: Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston. Optimist Mark Whitenton explained why Johnston was shelved by Confederate President Jeff Davis when the South needed this general the most.**

**SEPTEMBER**

**7/05: The Library of Congress' New Look. Library of**

**Congress  
Education  
Specialist Susan  
Mordan discussed  
the Library's  
mission and its  
newest interactive  
programs.**

**In addition,  
Optimist President  
Brig Pari showed a  
video promoting  
the Reading  
Adventures for  
Adults and Kids  
Book Club, which  
she has been  
instrumental in  
creating in  
Arlington, and  
which has brought  
the Optimist  
"brand" to this  
great program  
focused on**



increasing reading  
by Arlington's  
youth.

**The Incoming**

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