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# The Optimist Monthly

## Friend of Youth

### Upcoming Events

#### AUGUST

**8/07: Coaches Night.** Please join us for our annual opportunity to socialize with and thank the many volunteer coaches working with our sponsored teams. Thank you, John Karinshak, for coordinating this event. Thirsty Bernie's. Reception at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 pm.

**8/14: Baseball!** Join the Alexandria Sunshine Optimist Club to watch the Potomac Nationals play the Frederick Keys (Baltimore Orioles team). \$20.00 each (Box seats, third base), which includes hot dogs and



### July Highlights

**7/10: "Inspiring Success in High School Students."** Bruce Hanson, Yorktown High School football coach for the past 25 + years, discussed his



Optimist Richard Knight with his guest speaker, Coach Bruce Hanson.

hamburgers. Pfitzner's Stadium, 7 County Complex Court, in Woodbridge. Contact Alexandria Club's JB for tickets by August 1, 2013: [jrbubba3@juno.com](mailto:jrbubba3@juno.com) or call: 703/329-1357.

8/21: NO LUNCHEON.

## **SEPTEMBER**

9/04: Business Meeting. The Club will discuss and vote on the By-Laws revisions prepared by the By-Laws Committee (chaired by Greg Clough) and approved by the Board. The proposed By-Laws revisions and an executive summary prepared by Bob Patton will be emailed to Club members in early August. Also, the the meeting, there will be a vote on next year's President-elect. The Board has nominated Mark Whitenton for that position, but any member of the Club may make additional nominations from the floor. WGCC at 12:15.

9/18: Speaker TBA. WGCC at 12:15.

career and the value of success on the playing field to produce quality students. He also discussed the keys to Yorktown's historic two undefeated regular seasons in the past two years.

7/17: Respect for Law Awards.

Our annual tribute to superior community service by Arlington's legal community resulted in selection of three members of the Arlington Sheriff's Department for Respect for Law Enforcement awards, which were presented by Optimist Jim Almond. Those recognized were Corporal Kyle Anderson, Deputy sheriff Shellie Pugh-Washington, and Deputy Sheriff Syr Gonyea. Frequent luncheon speaker, Judge George Varoutsos, presented awards to Carmen Cornelison (Court Services Award) and to Nayra Flores (Court Services Success Award) for her success in completely turning her life around for the better. Thank you Jim Almond, for again managing and

## Updates:

Optimist-Acorn Rifle Team member, Ginny Thrasher (16 yrs old) won first place in her Intermediate Jr. Division in metallic sights competition at the July NRA .22 rifle National Championships against 140 other HS and college competitors, scoring 1181 out of a possible 1200. Ginny, with teammates Andrew Miller, Derya Pekari, and Yorktown grad Chrissy Thomas, won high "Open Club Team" with 2312 out of 2400. Kudos to them and the team's head coach, our own Bill Terry.

## Washington-Lee High School

Octagon Club: Club president McKenna O'Donnell reports: "W-L Octagon Club has had a great launch year, successfully raising funds and participants for the St. Jude's Walkathon for the hungry, and had a great clean-up event at Four-Mile Run for Save-the-Bay-Day. After an initial enrollment of 20 students in May, we had 40 interested members by the end of June".

hosting this event. See photo at the bottom of this newsletter.

7/24: Cocktail Meet 'n' Greet for Prospective Members. Tricia O'Hara brought potential member, Joan O'Keefe. Thank you, for your activism in recruiting new members!



Arlington Sheriff Beth Arthur speaks to our Club on Respect for Law Day, July 17,2013.





**Arlington Optimists' Respect for Law Day on July 17, 2013 recognized those who have contributed so much to create a positive environment for Arlington's youth. From left to right, recipients of the Respect for Law Enforcement Award, are Police Captain Frantz Desamour standing in for Corporal Kyle Anderson, Deputy Sheriff Shellie Pugh-Washington, and Deputy Sheriff Syr Gonyea. Next are Arlington County Sheriff Beth Arthur, Court Services Award winner Carmen Cornelison, Court Services Success Award winner Nayra Flores, Judge Jim Almond, and Judge George Varoutsos.**

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