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The Optimist Monthly

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Upcoming Events

JULY

7/10: "Inspiring Success in High School Students." Bruce Hanson, Yorktown High School football coach for the past 25 + years, will discuss the keys to Yorktown's historic two undefeated regular seasons in the past two years. Thank you, Richard Knight, for inviting Bruce. WGCC at 12:15.

7/17: Respect for Law Awards. Our annual tribute to superior community service by Arlington police officers will be hosted again this year by Jim Almond. WGCC at 12:15.



June Highlights

6/06: Luncheon - "'Our Scholarship Kids Excel!'" Whiz Mountain presented this year's Arlington Optimist Club's scholarships to Katrina Hatahet (Yorktown), Edward Crockett (Yorktown), Noelle Carlson (Wakefield), N'Dri Sligh N'Cho (W-L), and Sean Daley (O'Connell). See photo, below.

6/12: Social evening to attend a play, "Twentieth Century: A Comedy" at the Little Theatre of

7/24: Cocktail Meet 'n' Greet for Prospective Members. Willow at 5:30.

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 Bernies reception at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 pm.

8/14: Baseball game with the Alexandria Sunshine Club. Reserve ticket(s) to see the Potomac Nationals play the Frederick Keys, \$20.00 each (Box seats third base). Contact Alexandria Club's JB for tickets by August 1, 2013: jrbubba3@juno.com or call: **703/329-1357.** More details to follow.

8/27: No Luncheon.

Next Year's Officers: As published in the May newsletter and announced at the June19 luncheon, the Nominating Committee, chaired by Greg Clough, has recommended,

Alexandria. The Alexandria Sunrise Optimist Club invited local Optimist clubs to a joint reception and play at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. The comedy was well cast and well performed. More importantly, the event provided an opportunity to meet with local Optimists (and some Lions). The event was enjoyed by all and the Alexandria Optimists were pleased that we joined them. They plan to repeat this event again next year for the musical "Ragtime". Thank you, Tricia O'Hara, for coordinating this event for our club.

6/19: Luncheon - "What We Accomplished in the 2013 Virginia Legislative Session." Our Virginia State Senator, Barbara Favola, gave a lively and informative talk that covered Virginia's new sales and fuel taxes, Medicare changes, energy initiatives, and the upcoming VA elections. Thank you AI, for inviting her. See photo, below.

and the Board has approved, the following slate for 2013-2014:

- Treasurer: Larry Gaydos.
- Secretary: John Farina.
- Vice Presidents (2 positions): Sandy Bushue and Bill Swanson.
- Directors (3 positions serving for 2-years): Ann Isaacson, Bob Patton, and Mark Zetlin.

Three current Board Members, Greg Clough, John Karinshak, and Dick McHugh, have one year remaining on their respective 2-yr terms.

The club will be asked to vote on these nominations at the July 10 luncheon. Any member of the Club may make additional nominations from the floor, provided that the nominee shall have given consent.

President Elect: On June 19, the Board nominated Mark Whinton to be the next president-elect. A vote on that nomination will be held at the July 17 luncheon. Any member of the Club may make additional nominations from the floor.

6/26: Cocktail Meet and Greet for Prospective Members. The following report on this successful event has been submitted by Tricia O'Hara: All of you really missed an enjoyable evening at the Curious Grape. The wine tasting room was reserved for our meet 'n' greet for the month of June. Optimist members present were: Sandy Bushue, Kip Bryne; Richard Knight, and Tricia O'Hara. Lola Reinsch Pierce also joined the group as did Maria Bryne, Kip's mother, (whom I invited) a truly amazing woman. I invited six guests for this evening, four of whom showed. Whitney, her second time at our meet 'n' greet (this is a good sign), Mitch Muldoon, Joan O'Keefe and John Hilton (I'm hoping he will rejoin and I believe he plans to attend Coaches Night). Whitney and Mitch are under 30 years old and I'm encouraging both to join our club. I invited Whitney and Mitch to the Rifle Club's annual awards dinner in May so they could see first-hand a small part of what we do for our kids.

Tricia also informed the Board that Optimist International is offering an Optimist incentive for young adult members. Any new traditional member inclusive of 18-30 years of age who joins an Optimist Club by September 30, 2013 will receive this special dues

Updates:

Optimist-Acorn Rifle Team: Optimist Ned Thomas' daughter, Chrissy, has graduated from Yorktown and will be shooting for Ohio State this fall.

Chrissy and fellow shooter-athlete Andrew Miller (recent graduate of Woodson and shooting for the University of Kentucky this Fall), along with a half-dozen other Optimist-Acorn athletes, will compete in three national-level shooting events this July.

Chrissy's most recent competition was at the USA Shooting National Championships held at Fort Benning, Georgia, June 6-8. Chrissy competed in women's Smallbore 50 meter 3-Position and Prone competitions, where she finished 29th and 27th, respectively. An outstanding show competing alongside NCAA, national, and world champion women. Thank you, Optimists Bill Terry for serving as head-coach and Stan Sitnik for serving as the official team liaison.

offer of just \$30.00 for the next year. She added that she hopes to approach potential members Whitney and Mitch on July 11th with this offer.



Chrissy Thomas and Andrew Miller, graduating Optimist Acorns with outstanding records.

Olympian Julie Zetlin: Optimist Mark Zetlin provides us with the following update on his daughter's extraordinary activities since the 2012 London Olympics: Julie is now living in West Hollywood and studying acting. She got her first role in a play about the story of the rock band Pink Floyd, "The Dark Side of the Moon". She is also coaching little girls in her former sport, Rhythmic Gymnastics. In addition, she is the spokesperson for Hoopnautica, an exercise company in California.

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Webpage: Greg Clough has been doing a terrific job of expanding our website (www.oiarlington.org) and keeping it updated. Please check it periodically for the most current schedule, news, and photos.



Julie Zetlin, former Olympian in Rhythmic Gymnastics and our luncheon speaker on July 18, 2012.

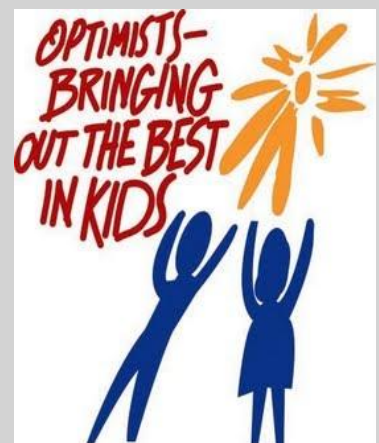
By-Laws Revisions: The By-Laws Committee, chaired by Greg Clough and staffed by Bob Patton, soon will present to the Board a draft of proposed revisions. Once the Board has approved them, the revisions will be circulated to the membership and voted on at the first luncheon at least two weeks thereafter.



2013 Optimist Scholarship winners (l to r): Katrina Hatahet (Yorktown), Edward Crockett (Yorktown), Noelle Carlson (Wakefield), N'Dri Sligh N'Cho (W-L), and Sean Daley (O'Connell).



Virginia State Senator Barbara Favola speaking to our June 19 luncheon.



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