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The Optimist Monthly

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Upcoming Events

JUNE

6/06: Luncheon - "Our Scholarship

Kids Excel!" Whiz Mountain will present this year's Arlington Optimist Club's scholarships. Please join us to recognize these exceptional Arlington high school seniors. Also, we will be voting on next year's WGCC at 12:15.

6/12: Social evening to attend a play,

"Twentieth Century: A Comedy" at the Little Theatre of Alexandria .

Trisha O'Hara has worked with the Alexandria Sunrise Optimist Club to have a joint Wine & Cheese reception starting at 6:00 pm and



May Highlights

5/01: Luncheon - "Why My Voice

Is Important." We listened to the six Arlington Optimist Oratorical Contest winners, including State champion, Dorothee Mulumba, and Zone champion, Adam Wilkie. According to our Oratorical Contest manager, Richard Knight, Dorothy is the third Swanson student to win at State in the past four years!

We inducted four new Optimists at the luncheon: Ann Isaacson (thank you, Barbara Nicastro),

play at 8:00 for just \$25 per person. This screwball comedy is set aboard a train rumbling from Chicago to NYC in 1933. Please join us by contacting either Terri Hauser (thauser862@aol.com) or JB Young (irbubba3@juno.com). Little Theatre of Alexandria from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

6/19: Luncheon - "What We Accomplished in the 2013 Virginia Legislative Session." Our speaker is our Virginia State Senator Barbara Favola. WGCC at 12:15.

6/26: Cocktail Meet and Greet for Prospective Members. Please join us and bring a potential member! Curious Grape (in Shirlington) from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

7/10: Luncheon with speaker TBA. 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.

7/24: Cocktail Meet 'n' Greet for

Ned Thomas (thank you, JB Whitlow), Anne Cronin and Linda Murphy (thank you, Brian Kellenberger for these two).

Welcome! They were congratulated by our luncheon guest, Optimist CAPVA Region Governor Art Jones (of the Fairfax Central Optimist Club).

Finally, our W-L Octagon Club president, sophomore McKenna O'Donnell, outlined her plans for the club for this summer and fall.

5/08: Arlington Optimist Board Meeting. The primary focus of this meeting was to consider the recommendations for changes to our Club's Bylaws led by Bob Patton. Once the final draft is prepared, it will be sent to all members for their review, and the changes discussed and voted on at a subsequent luncheon.

5/15: Luncheon - "Visits to Libya." Al Pierce discussed his personal experiences in Tripoli, Libya from 1979 to 1981 while

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 for our sponsored teams. Venue TBA from 6:00 -7:30 pm.

Next Year's Officers: The recommendations of the Nominating Committee, chaired by Greg Clough, has recommended the following slate for the 2013-2014 year:

- 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

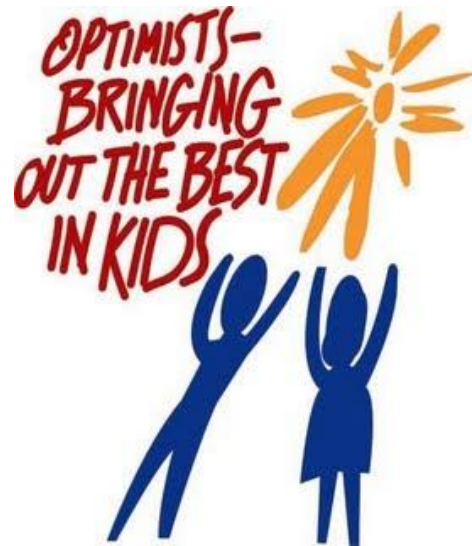
designing a museum. His accounts of treatment by Libyan officials were insightful and disturbing.

Also, Conley Ricker announced that individual Club members contributed \$1,420 for the USS Arlington Fund. Thank you Conley and Trish O'Hara for pursuing this worthy cause, which will help create a "9/11 Remembrance Room" on the USS Arlington to commemorate those killed in the attack on the Pentagon.

By-Laws Revisions: The By-Laws Committee, chaired by Greg Clough and staffed by Bob Patton, soon will be circulating a draft of proposed revisions. These amendments will be voted on at the first luncheon occurring at least two weeks later.

their respective 2-yr terms. A candidate for "president-elect" has yet to be determined.

The club will be asked to vote on these nominations at the June 6 luncheon. Any member of the Club may make additional nominations from the floor, provided that the nominee shall have given consent.



2013 Oratorical Contest winners (l to r): Charlie Scarborough, Ben Celestino, Adam Wilke (won Zone 4), Dorothee Mulumba (won State), Evie Gieseman, and Sarah Edwards, (all are from Swanson's 8th grade class), with Richard Knight

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