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The Optimist Monthly

Friend of Youth

Upcoming Events

September

9/03: Non-Profit Fundraising.

Jennifer Paquette Galloway, President of the Wolcott Hill Group here in Arlington, has worked on political campaigns as Finance Director. She will discuss the ins and outs of fundraising for non-profit organizations. She has been invited by Matt Kuhns. WGCC at 12:15.

9/09: Optimist Board Meeting.

All Optimists are invited.
Madison Community Center at 6:30 pm.



August

8/06: Coaches Night. Once again, John Karinshak organized and MC'd our annual salute to the many volunteer coaches managing the teams supported by the Arlington Optimists. Our guest speaker was



9/17: Where Do Runaway and Abused Kids go in No. Va.? Jade Leedham, Development Director of the Alternative House in Dunn Loring, will explain how this group, founded in 1972 as a shelter for runaway youth, now provides many more services to help abused and at-risk kids. Please attend in order to thank **Brian Kellenberger** for his service as Club president this past year (and encourage him to continue to manage our annual Christmas Breakfast). Thank you, **Kip Byrne**, for arranging for this important speaker. WGCC at 12:15

9/24: Meet & Greet. This is Brian Kellenberger's last M&G as president of our Club. Please come out to thank him for his service this past year, and bring a prospective member to meet us all! Willow from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

10/01: Arlington County Update. Arlington County Board Chair,

Joe Beninati, radio voice of the Capitals. John arranged for the exclusive use of the Thirsty Bierne sports bar, which was totally filled with all the coaches and Optimists attending. With the tireless resourcefulness of **Trish O'Hara**, the Club was able to hold several door prizes and an open auction (conducted by guest speaker Beninati) for a Capitals hockey stick signed by all the players. The winner of the hockey stick was Thirsty Bernie's own Lisa Cedrone, who intends to display it in the main bar room. Photos of the event are included below and following pages.



John Karinshak, Thirsty Bierne's Lisa Cedrone, Guest Speaker Joe Beninati, and Brian Kellenberger

Jay Fisette, will fill us in on the latest goings on in Arlington. WGCC at 12:15.

Christmas Tree Update:

Sandy Bushue provides the following update on what will be happening this fall regarding our biggest fundraiser:

The Tree Lot Committee for 2014 met a few weeks ago to begin planning. It is hard to believe, but in 95 days the tree lot will open!

Please give a "way to go" to the 2014 tree lot committee:

Tree Lot set up and take down - JB Whitlow

Daily tree lot managers - John Karinshak and Dick McHugh

Lot Captains - John Farina, Mark Whinton, Brian Kellenberger, and Bob Patton

Volunteers - Barbara Nicastro



Above: Arlington Babe Ruth Baseball President, Phil Juliano, informs us about the 1200 kids in his program.



Above: Arlington Youth Hockey representative, Brian Cobb, with high school team coaches.

Below: Arlington-Optimist Youth Rifle Club Head Coach, Optimist Bill Terry, and Asst. Coach, Thrine Kane.

**Marketing/Public Relations -
Trish O'Hara**

Website - Greg Clough

**Scheduling - Whitney
Kazragis**

**Permits and Tree unloading
volunteers - Dick Knight**

**Utilities and Call Committee
- Larry Gaydos**

**We have great news to
report about this year's lot
location! JB Whitlow has
been interfacing with the
Bank and secured the bank
lot for this one last year!
Way to go JB!**

**We are planning to
advertise aggressively so
we can break last year's
record. We are adding
other features to the lot to
spread the Christmas spirit.**

**For your calendars, the first
batch of trees will be
unloaded on Tuesday,
November 25 and the lot
will open on Saturday,
November 29 at 10:00 a.m.!**

**The Committee is eager to
go! If you want to be a part,
please let me know!**

Sandy



***Above: Arlington Ultimate Frisbee
head, Jacob Nuxoll, with his wife
relaxing after his presentation.***



***Above: Guest Speaker Joe Beninati
chats with Brian Kellenberger, Club
president.***



Arlington Soccer Head Dave Hurren and John Karinshak

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Lisa Cedrone of Thirty Bernie after winning the Capital's hockey stick.



