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The Optimist Monthly

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Upcoming Events

January

1/07: Networking Day.

Bring your fun give-always, a 90-second description of your business to share, and a potential member who might appreciate our club members' varied activities. If you aren't currently running a business, please join us anyway to spend a few minutes sharing some details about you and your family. Thirsty Bernie at 12:15.



December

12/03: Arlington Club Memories. Dick Rhoades, recalled events from his 30 years of involvement in Arlington and our Club. Thank you, Dick McHugh and Conley Ricker, for arranging for this speaker.



1/13: Board Meeting at Madison Community Center. All welcome. 6:30 - 8:30.

1/21: Speaker Liz Nohra of Leadership Arlington.

Thank you, **Brian Kellenberger**. WGCC at 12:15.

1/28: Meet 'n' Greet.
Willow from 5:30 - 7:00.

February

2/04: Kate Roche, President and CEO of Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Thank you **Brian Kellenberger**. WGCC at 12:15.

2/18: Arlington's Pro-Active Research to help Youth. Michael Swisher, Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families. Thank you, **Mark Whitenton**. WGCC at 12:15.

12/17: Christmas Breakfast. For the third year in a row, **Brian Kellenberger** chaired the Christmas Breakfast Committee, and it was one of the most enjoyable in memory. Brian arranged for Pastor Drew Hill of Memorial Baptist Church as the speaker (photo below). Brian also arranged for the



Washington-Lee Madrigals to sing for us (photo below). Also contributing to the

Sandy's Christmas Tree Report:

"It seems each year the tree lot organization and operation gets better and better. 2014 was another great year! Not only did we have a wonderful annual Christmas breakfast but also the tree lot captured the Christmas spirit.



"All of you are amazing people, and during our tree lot season, it seems like all the Optimists embrace the promise of optimism. As a result, our tree lot results make all the hard work worth it.



event were Optimist [Chris Cole](#) on the piano again this year and Lt. Alvaro Porras of the Salvation Army giving the invocation and benediction. Well done, Brian!!

At the Christmas Breakfast, the Club inducted four new members! Left to right: [Frank O'Leary](#) sponsored by [Conley Ricker](#); [Sue Crow](#) and [Peter Wehmann](#) [far right] sponsored by [Tricia O'Hara](#); and [Mack Bahri](#) sponsored by [Sandy Bushue](#).



"The lot closed on Saturday, December 20 with all but three of the 2000 trees sold! JB Whitlow and his team of Elves (Bob Patton, Brian Kellenberger, and Dick McHugh) struck the "set" on Sunday, the 21st, and sold the last three trees. As JB noted, 'It is the only time in my memory that there has been zero trees left over! Ever. Very cool'.

"A big thank you to all of you for supporting the lot with your sweat equity and sore muscles and hours behind a electric saw. As this article for the newsletter is being drafted, the accounting is incomplete. However, stay tuned for the tree report which I think this year might just set another record.

December Christmas Lot Photos:



Another good day with good weather and two saws going constantly!



JB Whitlow trimming under the watchful eye of a customer -- Note the wall of trimmings behind them.

"The tree lot committee is made up of very capable and professional members. They do their job to the fullest and never complain. It is honor to be a part!



"Three cheers for the tree lot committee:

- **JB Whitlow** - Lot Engineer and all around lot helper (What would we do without JB!?)
- **John Karinshak** - Daily lot manager (Amazing job!);
- **Dick McHugh** - Daily lot manager (First year and Dick, you were terrific);
- Lot Captains - These gentlemen did a great job: **Brian Kellenberger**, **Mark Whintenton**, **John Farina**, and **Bob Patton**;
- **Barbara Nicastro** - Volunteers (We had plenty



John Karinshak, constantly at the Pod.



Tom White (center) with 25-year customer, Charlie, and Charlie's son, Mark.

of help! It seems we mastered the labor issue!);

- Dick Knight - Phoenix House coordinator and AC liaison (Thank you for all you do behind the scenes);

- Greg Clough - Website (Many customers commented about the website that provided all the information you need to know about the lot);

- Tricia O'Hara - Publicity (Terrific articles in the NO. VA Sun and Arlington NOW);

- Larry Gaydos - Calling Committee (To Larry and his "elves" who ensured that we knew our date and time to cover the lot - thank you!)" Sandy Bushue

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