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# The Optimist Monthly

## Friend of Youth

### Upcoming Events

#### April

**4/02: How Well They Write!**

Under the experienced management of Ellen Burson, this year's winners of the Optimist Essay Contest winners will present their essays. Thank you, Ellen! WGCC: 12:15.

**4/02: Oratorical Contest for O'Connell H.S.** 7:00 PM.

**4/08: Optimist Board Meeting.**  
Madison Community Center: 6:30 PM.

**4/08: Oratorical Contest for Swanson Intermediate School.**  
7:00 PM.



### March Highlights

**3/05: We were treated to an education in the finances of Arlington County by hearing from Ingrid Malloy, Commissioner of the**



**4/10: Oratorical finals for Arlington.** Swanson at 7:00.

**4/12: Oratorical Contest Zone Finals.** Details TBA.

**4/16: A Conductor Brings Music to Life:** Scott Wood, Director of the Arlington Philharmonic, will tell us about the revival of symphonic music in Arlington and his vision as its conductor. WGCC: 12:15.

**4/23: Meet 'n' Greet at Willow:** 5:30 - 7:00 PM.

**5/03: Optimist District Meeting** with Oratorical Contest finals. The CAPVA District's 3rd Q 2014 meeting will be held at 701 E. Grace St., Richmond.

**5/07: Luncheon with Robert Dorr,** retired American diplomat and author of 70 books and articles on international and military issues. WGCC: 12:15.

**5/13: Optimist Board Meeting.** Madison Comm. Center: 6:30 PM.

Revenue for Arlington County, and Carla De La Pova, Deputy Treasurer for Arlington County. Commissioner Malloy, an elected official, described how her office serves as a Customer Advocate with respect to real estate, business, and personal property taxes. Ms. De La Pava spoke of her successful efforts to dramatically reduce the tax delinquency rates for Arlington.



Carla De La Pava showing her map of reduced tax delinquencies.

In addition, we were visited by Elizabeth Schindler of the Inter-County Service Club Council, who sought support for an additional Service Club sign on a major road entering Arlington. See her photo,



**Elizabeth Schindler from the ISCC asking support for a new club sign.**



**Optimists host potential new members at Willow. Among the guests is Col. Shelley Bennett (to Trisha's right), and guests (.l to r.) in the back row are Michael Miller and Rita Joseph (both of Digital Reasoning) and Chris Zettler and Dushy DeSilva (both of Sri Lanka). Thank you once again, Trisha, for your extraordinary recruiting!**

opposite.

**3/08: High School Hockey Match.**

**Held at Kettler Arena in Ballston, W-L and Yorktown High Schools -- both teams supported by our Club -- faced off. The game was exciting -- 2-2 in regulation -- with Yorktown winning in the shootout. See photo below of our Club President, Brian Kellenberger, dropping the first puck.**

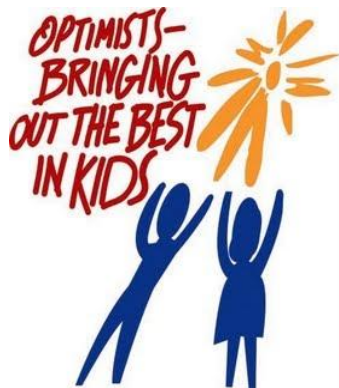


**3/19: "Future of the Ballston Business Community," by Tina Leone, CEO of Ballston Business Improvement District.**

**3/26: Meet 'n' Greet at Willow. See photo, opposite, of several potential new Optimist members.**



2/22: CCDHH Winner from Arlington. Catalene Sacchetti-Manganelli, winner of the CapVA District's Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) received a \$2,500 scholarship for her presentation in American Sign Language (ASL) on dancing, her passion. Eight top winners from the Arlington, Alexandria Noonday, Alexandria Sunrise, Springfield Evening and Colonial Heights Optimist Clubs competed at the Fair Oaks Marriott Hotel on Saturday, February 22nd. Catalene, from Arlington, was sponsored by the Optimist Club of Arlington.



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