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# The Optimist Monthly

## Friend of Youth

### Upcoming Events

#### May

**5/02: Optimist Oratorical Contest for our Zone.** Our Club's Oratorical Contest first place winners (Alex Burnham for the girls and Peter Fleckenstein for the boys --both from Swanson) will compete against four neighboring Optimist Clubs' finalists to determine which boy and girl will compete at the District finals in Richmond on May 16. Thank you, Richard Knight, for your great job in managing this program



#### April

**4/01: The Arlington Streetcar -- Lessons Learned.** Our guest speaker was Peter Rousselot, founder of Arlingtonians for Sensible Transit. Thank you, Sue Gartner, for inviting him.



again this year. Brian Kellenberger will be at the Zone event managing our contestants on Saturday, at the West Springfield Government Center at 2:00.

5/06: Carla de la Pava. One of our most recent members is Arlington County's new Treasurer (and successor to Optimist Frank O'Leary). She will update us on Arlington's financial health. Thank you, Ann Vito, for inviting her. WGCC at 12:15.

5/20: Oratorical Contest Winners! Please come and hear these six talented intermediate school students give their thoughts on "How My Optimism Will Help Me Press On To the Greater Achievements of the Future." Again, thank you, Richard Knight, for chairing this program again this year. WGCC at 12:15.



Peter Rousselot

4/08: OAR's Second Chance Fundraising Breakfast. OAR assignees provided substantial help during the entire 2014 Christmas tree sales. Thank you, Sandy Bushue, for providing us this opportunity to thank OAR. Attendees to the breakfast included Sandy, Linda Chandler, Greg Clough, Sue Gartner, Brian Kellenberger, Dick Knight, Barbara Nicastro, and JB Whitlow.

4/15: The American Dream and Reverse Mortgages. Reverse mortgage specialist Richard Wills and our own Conley Ricker presented an informative program on the advantages, disadvantages, and projected costs of taking on a reverse mortgage.

**5/27: Meet 'n' Greet.** Please come and bring prospective members! Willow from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

## **June**

### **6/03: Scholarship**

**Recipients.** Come to meet and congratulate these fine high school seniors who have won our annual scholarships.

### **6/17: TBA.**

### **6/24: Meet 'n' Greet. :**

Please come and bring prospective members! Willow from 5:30 to 7:00.

## **Announcements**

**Board positions on the Arlington Philharmonic are open.** Matt Kuhns, a member of the Board of the Arlington Philharmonic, informs us that they are



Conley introducing Richard Willis, below



**4/22: Oratorical Finals** were held for Swanson and O'Connell contestants. The two first place winners and four second and third place winners will be honored at our May 20 luncheon. Thank you, **Richard Knight**, for managing this program, and **Trisha O'Hara**, **Bob Patton**, and **JB Whitlow**, for serving as judges during the

looking for additional board members for the coming year. If you have an interest in classical music and are willing to volunteer your time, please contact Matt.

**Arlington Chamber Events of Interest to the Optimists.**

The Arlington Chamber, which has our Club as one of its members, frequently holds events relevant to Arlington's non-profit service clubs like ours. This month, local students, ages 12-18, in the Chamber's Young Entrepreneurs Academy will present their business plans before a panel of local business leaders. Marymount University May 7 at 6:00 pm.

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process. We look forward to success of our two first place winners at the Zone contest on May 2.



