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The Optimist Monthly

Friend of Youth

Upcoming Events

6/03: Scholarship

Recipients. Come meet and congratulate these four fine high school seniors who have won this year's scholarships.

6/03: Arlington Better Sports Club Banquet.

Contact **John Karinshak** if you wish to attend. Knights of Columbus from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

6/17: Residential Crime Prevention.

Arlington Police Lt. Heather Hurlock



May

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**), Carla updated us on Arlington's improved collection record. Thank you, **Ann Vito**, for inviting her.



will give us tips for improving the security of your home. Thank you, Steve Bouchard, for inviting this speaker.

6/24: Meet 'n' Greet: Please come and bring prospective members! Willow from 5:30 to 7:00.

7/01: TBA:

7/15: Coaches Night. Replacing the mid-July luncheon, our annual Coaches Night is our opportunity to thank the heads of the Arlington sports organization that we support. Thank you, John Karinshak, for again organizing this important event. Thirsty Bernie at 6:00.

Optimist Sports

5/03: Optimist-Acorns Junior Rifle Club: The Rifle Club held its annual end-of-

5/20: Oratorical Contest Winners! We celebrated these six talented students (all from Swanson Intermediate School) and heard their speeches on "How My Optimism Will Help Me Press On To the Greater Achievements of the Future." Our Club's Oratorical Contest first place winners (Alex Burnham for the girls and Peter Fleckenstein for the boys) also won first places after competing against four neighboring Optimist Clubs in the Zone 4 finals to earn the right to compete in Richmond on May 16 for the District (state) finals.



Oratorical Contest winners: Greg Roberts (2nd runner-up); Gus Nathanson (1st runner-up); Peter Fleckenstein (Club and Zone winner); Alexandra Burnham (Club & Zone winner); Lily Pilkerton (1st runner-up), and Konika Akter (2nd runner-up).

the-year banquet to honor Acorn shooters, the four



graduating seniors, and the coaches. In the group photo above, please note Head Coach Optimist Bill Terry standing at the left. Four Acorn shooters have qualified to attend the Junior Olympics/National Championships in Alabama in late June. Of the 250



Optimist President, Mark Whitenton, assists in presenting Palmira Invitational awards to top Acorns.

Although the District judges awarded other contestant as winners, Alex and Peter gave terrific orations. Thank you, Richard Knight, for your great job in managing this program again this year, and Trisha O'Hara, Bob Patton, and JB Whitlow, for serving as judges during the Arlington process.



Richard Knight with 1st place Club and Zone winners, Alexandra Burnham and Peter Fleckenstein.

5/27: Optimist Meet & Greet: A good time was had by all at Willow, including welcoming two potential members, Gail Lecce, invited by Ann Vito, and Andreas Baltatzis), who attended our most luncheon on his own initiative and has expressed his interest in joining our Club.

shooters at the Palmira Invitational in January, Acorn senior Ginny Thrasher (left in photo) came in first in both .22 and air rifle; and Acorn senior Jordan Miller (2nd from right) was 4th in air rifle.

5/17: Babe Ruth Baseball: Optimist John Karinshak, a long-time coach and fervent supporter of Arlington's Babe Ruth Baseball, was given a life-time achievement award at



John Karinshak receives life-time achievement award from Babe Ruth League President Phil Juliano on May 17.

this year's 30th Anniversary celebration at Barcroft Park.

See photo, below, provided by Tricia O'Hara.



**Sitting: Stephen Toth and Sandy Bushue.
Standing: Gail Lecce, Ann Vito, Tricia O'Hara,
Andreas Baltatzis, Barbara Nicastro, Mark Zetlin, and Brian Kellenberger.**



Babe Ruth 9 yr-olds prepare for National Anthem at 30th Anniversary Event. Photos provided by John Karinshak.

**Congratulations, John, and
thank you from all of us for
the tremendous job you
have been doing to promote
the sports activities
supported by our Club.**

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