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The Optimist Monthly

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Upcoming Events

October

10/07: Getting Involved in the Community. Mike McMenamin, Past-President of the Arlington Civic Federation and past member of the Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission, will discuss how a "Government of the People, for the People, and by the People" starts at the grass roots.

Thank you, President-Elect Mark Zetlin, for inviting this speaker . This will be the first luncheon presided over by our new president, Matt Kuhns. WGCC at 12:15.

10/21: Boeing in Arlington. Our speaker will be Todd Yeatts, Manager of Government Operations for



September

9/02: Our Annual "Respect for Law Day." Thank you, Judge Jim Almand, shown below presenting an award to retiring Sheriff Captain Daniel Callahan, for again organizing this annual "Respect for Law Day" event for the Arlington Optimists to honor Arlington law enforcement leaders.



Jim arranged for the event to be keynoted by a presentation on "Keeping Arlington

Boeing, which has a large camps in Crystal City. Thank you, Mark Zetlin, for inviting Todd. WGCC at 12:15.

10/28: Meet 'n' Greet.

Please join your fellow Optimists and potential members at this new venue! It is the last one until January! Il Forno from 5:30 to 7:00.

November

11/04: Think You Know the Latest About IRA's? Emily Dupre, Regional Director of MFS Investment Management, will inform us on how to get the most out of this long-time investment tool. Thank you, **Matt Kuhns**, for inviting this expert on such an important topic! WGCC at 12:15.

11/18: InterService Council Luncheon. Please join your

Safe" by Murray "Jay" Far, a 23-year veteran of the Arlington Police department, who was appointed our Chief of Police this past May. (Photo below).



Please see additional photos of this special luncheon at the end of this newsletter.

9/16: Everyone Deserves a Second Chance. Gail Arnall, Executive Director, Arlington Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR). OAR is a Virginia-wide, community-based restorative justice organization that reaches 850 men and women each year through programs in local jails and for those who have been recently released from Virginia prisons. OAR helps non-violent inmates learn skills and receive schooling to prepare them to re-enter society productively. We have

colleagues from Arlington's other service clubs, and support our Club's nominees for Woman and Man of the Year, Sandy Bushue and Richard Knight! Both Sandy and Richard were selected by the Board for their outstanding service to our Club and the Arlington youth. WGCC at 12:00 (social time starts at 11:30). Note the new time!!!

Christmas Tree Lot Update

Sandy Bushue provides the following update on this year's singular funding event:

We believe we have our traditional location -- the lot at Wells Fargo Bank -- and we are proceeding accordingly. We hope we reach an even higher record of sales this year, so extra trees have been ordered.

been delighted with the OAR participants who have done their community service on our Christmas Tree lot for the past few years. Thank you, Sue Gartner, for inviting Gail, shown below with her co-presenter, Lee, one of Gail's many success stories.



9/23: Meet 'n' Greet at its new location, Il Forno (900 N. Glebe Road). Selected by Mark Zetlin and Tricia O'Hara, the new venue was universally approved of by those able to attend, including: incoming President Matt Kuhn and his brother Mike; Erica Burson; Sandy Bushue; incoming Board members Brian Kellenberger and Ann Vito; Peter Wehmann; Sue Gartner and her guest, Betsy Cody; and just- back-

JB Whitlow's crew to construct the tree lot will jump into action in around 50 days! A POD will be delivered around that time as well. **Greg Clough** is working on our website to feature our tree lot sales with the appropriate information. The tree lot committee has been hustling in preparation for the 2015 Optimist Tree Lot. We are ready to go!! I think this year will be the 69th year, although I need to confirm that number!!

In a few weeks, I will begin preparing the lot work schedule. New members should note that able-bodied Optimists are asked to work two part-day shifts on the lot. Lot hours will be M - TH from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Friday from Noon to 8:00 pm, and Sat. and Sun. from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

from-Avalon, **Barbara Nicastro**, with her guest Kathie Tritak.

Please try to attend the October 28 Meet 'n' Greet at Il Forno. Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, the October 28 Meet 'n' Greet will be the last one until January 20!

New Member:

At our September 2 luncheon, we were proud to induct **Andreas Baltatzis** into our Club. Andreas was sponsored by **Sandy Bushue**. Below, Andreas is shown receiving his pin from retiring president, Mark Whitenon.



Please take time at our next luncheon to welcome and get to know Andreas.

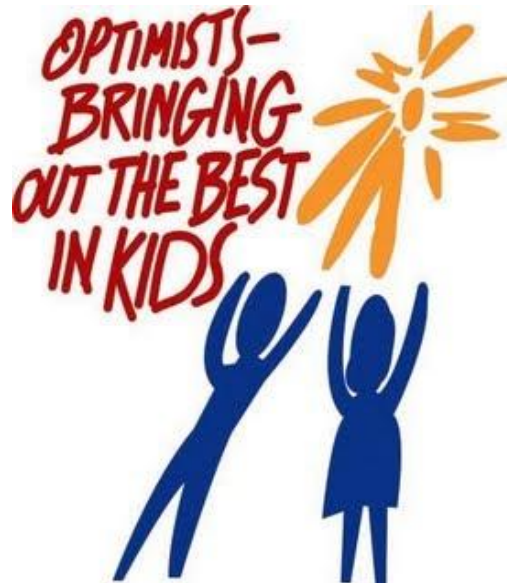
For all, please let me know what dates and times work best for you. You can either send an email or let me know at an Optimist lunch. This is very important to do so that you will not be scheduled for a date or time that conflicts with your work or other commitments.

Be alert - blast emails will be sent out to keep you updated on tree lot progress. Again, we hope to break another record this year. I know we can do it!!!!

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The Editor expresses his appreciation for the contributions to the preparation of this newsletter made by several Optimists, including Jim Almand, Sandy Bushue, Mark Zetlin, and Sue Gartner.



Photos from the Respect for Law Luncheon



Left to right are: Judge George Varoutsos; Christopher Edmonds Recipient of the Court Services Award; Police Sergeant Richard Rodriguez recipient of the Law Enforcement Award; Captain Daniel Callahan recipient of the Law Enforcement Award from the Sheriff's Office; Optimist Judge Jim Almand; Chief of Police M. Jay Farr (our Speaker); and Sheriff Beth Arthur. The recipient of the Court Services Success Award was Victor Romero who was unable to attend due to work obligations.



Special Guest Judge George Varoutsos presenting the Court Services Award to Christopher Edmonds.



Left to Right: Deputy Chief Sheriff Paul Larson, daughter with dad Captain Daniel Callahan (holding his Law Enforcement Award), and Sheriff Beth Arthur



Judge Almand presents Law Enforcement Award to Police Sergeant Richard Rodriguez, shown with his daughter, Cassie, below.

