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The Optimist Monthly

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Upcoming Events

September

9/07: The Iran Nuclear Treaty: Examining the Process Leading to its Completion. Dr. Andrew Semmel, a participant in creating the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, was a member of the National Nuclear Security Administration and other related positions. Thank you, Clayton Depue, for arranging for this speaker. WGCC at 12:15.

9/21: Protecting Children From Unwanted Internet Content.

Jere L. Simpson, founder of KiteWire, Inc., software design and Co-Founder of Net Pure, the plug-in product that makes WiFi networks safe for kids on any digital device. Thank you,



August

8/03: Arlington -- Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future. Naomi Arlund, a docent at Arlington House, gave an insider's history of Arlington Hall (the Custis-Lee Mansion), which included an update on the \$12.5 million renovation to begin this fall.



Andreas Baltatzis, for inviting this guest speaker. In addition, Matt Kuhns will be installing the 2016-2017 officers and Board of Directors, who will start on October 1. WGCC at 12:15.

October

10/05: My Story. Marie-josee Mulwayi (Dorothee Malumba's mother), will give us an insight into the opportunities that today's Arlington provides for bright and hard-working immigrants. Thank you Mark Whitenton and Sue Gartner, for inviting her. WGCC at 12:15.

10/19: Why Wealth Transfers Fail. Emily Dupre, Regional VP for MFS Investment Management, will again help us wade through the Federal Tax Code. Thank you, Matt Kuhns, for again inviting her. WGCC at 12:15.

Thank you, Mark Whitenton, for inviting Naomi to speak (and perhaps, to join?).

8/17: There was no luncheon scheduled.

OPTIMIST-ACORN ALUM GINNY THRASHER WINS FIRST OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL IN RIO.



AT 19, Ginny Thrasher is the youngest woman ever to win the first Gold Medal in Olympic history, by besting two-time Olympic Gold Medalist Li Du and setting an Olympic record in the

November

11/02 Update on Arlington Board. Board member, John Vihstadt, will give us an update on the goings on at the Arlington County Board. Thank you, Sue Gartner, for inviting this guest. WGCC at 12:15.

11:16: Interclub Council. TBA

Christmas Tree Lot

From Sandy Bushue: The thermometer may say 99 degrees, but the Arlington Optimist Tree Committee had its first meeting last month. As you know, we have an amazing, dedicated group of Optimists who work to ensure that our tree lot is a success every year. They have been on the Committee for many years. Mark Whinton was one of them, but since his move to the hinterlands, the long travel

finals of the 10-meter Air-Rifle (.177 Cal.) competition.

Ginny graduated just last summer (2015) from the Optimist-Acorn program -- under the coaching of Optimists Bill Terry and Thrine Kane (herself a member of the US team at the Sydney Olympics). After graduating from West Springfield High School last summer, Ginny is now a rising sophomore at the University of West Virginia (with a full scholarship), helping to propel that school to its position as the number 1 ranked shooting school in the country.



Congratulations, Ginny!

Ginny did not rank as high in the more competitive .22 rifle small-bore competition, where the matches are

distance forced him to retire (Committee only). However, I am happy to report that Clayton Dupre agreed to fill his spot. Thank you Clayton!

Trees are ordered and PODs are scheduled for delivery. Barbara Nicastro is preparing to ensure we have great volunteer support again this season and Dick Knight is working on the Arlington County permits. We are getting ready!!

This year we will be celebrating our 70th anniversary Christmas Tree sale project and selling our trees at the same location for 70 years. What a tradition!!!! If you have any ideas about how we might celebrate, please let me or a tree lot committee person know.

I would like to introduce you to the 2016, 70th Anniversary, Arlington Optimist Tree Committee:

held outdoors. There, Ginny faced a challenging wind on a couple of shots. Her incredibly strong finish at number 11 was just one point away from qualifying for the finals and her chance for a second medal.

Ginny distinguishes herself as the only athlete from a sports team supported by the Arlington Optimist Club ever to win an Olympic Gold Medal.



Tree Lot Captains

1) **Greg Clough** (Website guru also),

2) **Brian Kellenberger,**

3) **Clayton Dupre,**

4) **Bob Patton;**

Phone Committee

1) Dr. **Larry Gaydos;**

Daily Lot Managers

1) **John Karinshak,**

2) **Dick Knight;'**

Volunteer Coordinator

1) **Barbara Nicastro;**

Lot Construction Engineer

1) **JB Whitlow** (All round manager);

Tree Unloading/Permit

Assurance/Attorney

1) **Richard Knight;**

Public Relations

1) **Tricia O'Hara.**

It is not too early to let me know what your dates and times preferences are.

Let's make this the best year ever!!!!

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