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# The Optimist Monthly

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# Upcoming Events

## July

7/06: Arlington Neighbors Helping Arlington Neighbors with Same Day Emergency Funds. Andrew Schneider, Executive director of Arlington Thrive (formerly AMEN), will be our speaker. He is invited by Sue Gartner, who knows from personal experience what a lifesaver this long-time organization can be.

7/20: Coaches Appreciation Night. Once again, John Karinshak is organizing our annual dinner thanking the many coaches of the sporting teams that our Club supports. This year's dinner (in lieu of a luncheon) will have a picnic theme and will be held at Whitlow's On Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd., 6:30-10:30 pm.



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## June

6/01: Optimist Club Scholarships for 2016: President Matt Kuhns presented the 2016 Optimist Club Scholarships to four winning seniors from Arlington high schools. These four had superior high school records in academics, sports, and community service. Financial need was also a factor in selecting these recipients. Thank you Matt Kuhns for managing this inspiring program.



2016 Scholarship winners (l. to r.):

7/27 Meet 'n' Greet. Il Forno,,  
5:30 to 7:00.

## August

8/03: Luncheon speaker TBA.  
WGCC at 12:15.

8/17: There is no luncheon  
scheduled.

## Follow-up: Oratorical Winner Continues to Excel

Past Arlington Optimist  
Oratorical Contest and State  
first-place winner in 2013 (as an  
eighth grader from Swanson)  
and Arlington Optimist Essay  
Contest first-place winner in  
2014 ( as a freshman at  
Yorktown), Dorothee Mulumba  
continues to amaze. Dorothee,  
who is now a member of First  
Lady Michelle Obama's mentor  
program, co-introduced both  
the First Lady and Oprah  
Winfrey at the State of Women  
Conference, held in  
Washington, D.C. on June 14!

Charlotte Crockett (Yorktown HS) who  
will attend Smith College; Yessennia  
Hernandez-Haranjo (Wakefield HS)  
who will attend the University of Mary  
Washington; Olivia Eichner (Bishop  
O'Connell HS) who will attend the  
Nursing School at the University of  
Virginia; and Rebecca Mercado-Rios  
(Wakefield HS) who will attend  
Bucknell University. [More photos at  
the end of this newsletter.]

6/15: The Peace That Almost Was:  
the Forgotten Story of the 1861 Peace  
Conference and Final Attempt to Avert  
the Civil War. Mark Tooley, President  
of the Institute of Religion and  
Democracy, has written a book n this  
subject , and gave us a spirited talk  
about the failed conference and the



Dorothee's extraordinary poise and ability was streaming at <http://www.theunitedstateofwomen.org/livestream/> , from 10:40:15 to 10:42:30.



Dorothee Mulumba is currently a junior at Arlington's Langston High School.

6/01: Arlington Better Sports Club Banquet: Optimists have historically supported this annual event. Attending Club members John Karinshack, Jim Norris, Dick McHugh, Whiz Mountain, and Richard Knight are also members of the Better Sports Club of Arlington. This year, the Optimists were given the opportunity for Matt Kuhns, to present three awards, among them:

many larger-than-life personalities attending. Thank you, Sandy Bushue, for finding such an interesting speaker

Also at the luncheon, the Club voted to approve the Board's recommend slate for Offices and Board members for the 2016-2017 year. By accolade, the following were elected:

#### Officers:

- President - Mark Zetlin (automatic)
- President Elect - Clayton Dupre
- Past President - Matt Kuhns (automatic)
- Vice President - Sandy Bushue
- Vice President - Richard Knight
- Treasurer - Larry Gaydos
- Secretary - Erica Burson

#### Directors with Terms ending October 1, 2017:

- Brian Kellenberger (automatic)
- Gerry Marosek -- to fill the slot vacated by Ann Vito
- Jim Norris (automatic)

#### Directors with Terms ending October 1, 2018:

- Andreas Baltatzis
- Leigh Hurley
- Gloria Mora



**Matt Kuhns presenting the Arlington Coach of the Year trophy to Jimmy Carrasquillo.**



**Matt Kuhns presenting the Arlington Female Student Athlete of the Year trophy to Haley Ray.**

**In addition, friend of the Optimist Club Judge George**

**Congratulations for our new officers and board members who begin service on October 1, 2016.**

**Scholarship winners:**



**Charlotte Crockett, from Yorktown, with her mother**



**Olivia Eichner, from Bishop O'Connell, who also won 1st Place in our Essay Contest held this past April!**



**Varoutsos presented Brady Almand, son of member Judge Jim Almand, a trophy for Outstanding Male Swimmer.**



**Incidentally, Brady will be starting at West Point this summer. Way to go!**

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**Yessenia Herrandez-Haranjo from Wakefield**



**Rebecca Mercado-Rios from Wakefield**



