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Upcoming Events

April

4/02: District (State) Oratorical Contest. Our two finalists, Leah Hall and Patrick Roney , won the Zone Contest on 3/12 and will be competing with the Virginia & DC zone finalists in Richmond. Richard Knight will attend to support our winners.

4/06: How Optimist Support for the Rifle Club is producing National Champions. Speaker is ex-Olympian and Coach Thrine Kane, invited by Mark Whitenton and Ned Thomas. WGCC at 12:15.

4/20: Essay Contest Winners. This year's three Arlington Optimist Essay



March

3/02: IBM's Paartnership with Apple. Katharyn White, VP of IBM (Business Partner), gave us an overview of the complex partnership between IBM and Apple to create I-Phone APPs that contain learning and cognative capabiliy to better enhance the APPs' value to consumers. She had a real talent to make the incredibly complex understandable. Thank you, Whiz Mountain (her father), for taking advantage of a rare break in her schedule to ask her to speak to us!



Contest winners will present their exemplary essays on "Lead by Example: Reality or Fiction." Thank you, once again, Erica Burson, for managing our Essay Contest. Kudos! WGCC at 12:15.

4/27: Meet 'n' Greet. II
Forno, from 5:30-7:00.

5/04: Luncheon TBA.
WGCC at 12:5.

5/18: History of the US Marine Band, by band historian Gunny Sergeant Kira Wharton. She will be brining a string quartet! Thank you, Matt Kuhns, for inviting her to come speak to us.

5/25: Meet 'n' Greet. III
Forno from 5:30 to 7:00



Whiz Mountain and his wife, Jackie , pose with their daughter, Katharyn.

3/04: Optimist-Supported Arlington Hockey Finale: Our supported W-L and Yorktown hockey clubs faced off in their annual final game, organized by Amy Puglisi of Yorktown hockey , who thanks us for our support, noting that *"we have no other county, school or outside support"* [this one game cost \$600 for ice time and \$136 for the referees].



Representing Matt Kuhns, Mark Whitenton "drops the puck" at opening ceremonies.

Oratorical Winners:



All of this year's winners are eight graders: five from Swanson Middle School; and Patrick Roney, who is from Bishop O'Connell.



Winner: Leah Hall



1st Runner-up: Kelly McArdle

3/16: Winners of our Oratorical Contest:

Our Club was treated to the presentations of our six Oratorical Contest winners for 2016. This year's topic is "Lead by Example: Reality or Fiction."



Above: Oratorical Contest Winners (l. to r.): Brendan Selby (2nd Runner up), Graham Lazorchak (first runner-up), Patrick Roney (winner), Leah Hall (winner), Kelly McArdle (1st runner up), and Daily Simmons (2nd runner up). All are eight graders from Swanson Middle School, except Patrick, who is an eighth grader at Bishop O'Connell. As noted above opposite, our two winners also won at the Optimist Zone competition on March 12, and will be competing at the District (VA & DC) competition on April 2 in Richmond. Thank you, Richard Knight, for again heading up this important



2nd Runner up: Daily Simmons



Winner: Patrick Roney,



**1st Runner-up: Graham
Lazorchak**

program, and to Trish O'Hara and JB Whitlow for serving as judges.

Please take a look at additional photos of our winners, opposite page.



Richard Knight presented our Club's cash awards to all six winners. Featured above, winner Patrick Roney, and below, winner Leah Hall.





2nd Runner-up: Brandan Selby

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