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The Optimist Monthly

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Upcoming Events

October

10/05: My Story. Marie-josee Mulowayi is the mother of Virginia Optimist Oratorical Contest and the Arlington Essay Contest winner, Dorothee Malumba. Marie-josee, a single mother of three, will share her journey from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where she was a medical doctor, to the United States. Thank you Mark Whinton and Sue Gartner, for inviting her.

In addition, Matt Kuhns will install the 2016-2017 Officers and Board Directors. WGCC at 12:15.

10/19: Why Wealth Transfers Fail. Emily Dupre, Regional VP,



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. He summarized the Iran Nuclear Deal as a "good bad deal."



MFS Investment Management, will help us wade through the Federal Tax Code. Thank you, Matt Kuhns, for again inviting her. WGCC at 12:15.

10/26: Meet 'n' Greet at our temporary venue: Rustico Restaurant, 4075 Wilson Blvd. From 5:30 to 7:00.

November

11/02: What Would You Like Us to Do to Improve Arlington -- An Update on Arlington Board's Vision. Arlington County Board member, John Vihstadt, will update us on the goings on at the Arlington County Board. Thank you, Sue Gartner, for inviting this guest. WGCC at 12:15.

11:16: Inter-Service Club Council. The Optimist Club will cover any cost above the usual \$25 per person. WGCC starting at 11:30.

Thank you, Clayton Depue, for arranging for Dr. Semmel to speak.

In addition, Matt Kuhns installed a new member of our Club, Jamar Hawkins, an official with Cardinal Bank.



Thank you, Sandy Bushue, for sponsoring Jamar.



Please take the opportunity to welcome Jamar, above.

9/21: Protecting Children From Unwanted Internet Content. Jere L. Simpson is the founder of KiteWire,

Christmas Tree Lot

Sandy Bushue ([202.352.4922](tel:202.352.4922)) provides the following update:

The trees are ordered; the committee is preparing; WH ornaments are ordered and we are getting ready to sell Christmas Trees for the 70th year - at the same location!

What a tradition!!

For our new members, the tree lot has been a tradition, truly, for 70 years. I understand that back in the day, the Optimists had a fire in the evening where scotch or whiskey was poured to warm the soul. In recent years, the tree lot has become our only fundraising activity. So it is important that it is successful.

The success of tree sales is dependent upon you! We need you to volunteer at least twice for three or four hour shifts. The tree lot will open on Friday, November 25 and will remain

Inc. software design and Co-Founder of Net Pure, the plug-in product that makes WiFi networks safe for kids on any digital device. He outlined how he has been seeking to make his product available to lower-income families.



Thank you, [Andreas Baltatzis](#), for inviting Jere.

After the luncheon, President [Matt Kuhns](#) congratulated incoming Club President, [Mark Zetlin](#), on Mark's

open until all of the 2000+ trees are sold.

Please send dates and times that work best for your schedule. Otherwise, I must randomly schedule you. YIKES, indeed!

Fortunately, Optimists only need to manage. In recent years, Barbara Nicastro, the volunteer coordinator, has done an AMAZING job in drumming up volunteers. And, she works to ensure that there is plenty of help for each shift. You are NOT alone on the lot.

Thinking about working the tree lot can be a chore, but once you start, it is very, very rewarding in so many ways. However, be sure to dress for the weather - outdoor gear such as socks, boots, hats, and gloves - are a MUST.

Most importantly, the tree lot is located at the Wells Fargo Bank at the corner of Lee Highway and Glebe Road. Thank you, JB Whitlow, for

willingness to serve for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, which begins October 1.



Matt Kuhns and Mark Zetlin.

9/28: Meet 'n' Greet at Rustico Restaurant, 4075 Wilson Blvd. Since Il Forno has closed, this new venue was tried out by several Optimists who attended despite the very rainy evening, See photo below:



From left to right: Peter Wehmann ,

securing the location!!!!

For those members who are unable to work the lot, there is a role for you. Larry Gaydos can always use help with the calling committee.

Refreshments are always needed so if you want to buy coffee or hot chocolate for the volunteers, please do so.

Let's make 2016 a record breaking year!!!!!!!!!!

Arlington Optimist 2015-2016 Board ends.

Arlington Optimist President Matt Kuhns has been a solid performer this past year, including his work with Sue Gartner and Brian Kellenberger to ensure the Club always has the opportunity to hear from informed speakers at our luncheons.

Sue Gartner, Richard Knight, Barbara Nicastro, Mark Zetlin, Trisha O'Hara, and Stephen Toth. Thank you, Trisha, for sending in this photo.





Matt feels his most important contribution has been to emphasize more speakers related to the arts, such as the Marine Corps quartet on May 18. Everyone, please take a moment to thank Matt for his service to our Club.

Please also thank those members of the 2015-2016 Board who are rotating off: Linda Chandler (Director for two years), John Karinshak (Director for three years), and Mark Whitenton (officer for five years).

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