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The Optimist Monthly

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Upcoming Events

February

2/01: Update on the Arlington County Board. John Vihstadt, County Board Member, will give us his take on the Board's upcoming business. Thank you, Sue Gartner, for working with John and his busy schedule to make this happen.

In addition, Mark Zetlin, who sponsored her, will induct Erin Mendenhall.



Erin Mendenhall with Carla De la Pava and photobomb by Leigh Hurley at the January 4 luncheon.



January

1/04: Gold Medalist Ginny Thrasher. Ginny, who won the very first gold medal at this summer's Olympics, delayed her trip back to West Virginia University to speak to us at our temporary luncheon venue, Lyon Hall.



Mark Zetlin and Ginny Thrasher

This past star in the Arlington Optimist-Acorns Junior Rifle Club told us about how being successful at the

Erin, who lives in Arlington, is principal of Mendenhall Properties. Please make the point of welcoming her. WGCC from 12:15 to 1:30.

2/15: Arlington Neighborhood Village. Speaker TBA. Thank you, Leigh Hurley, for arranging this. WGCC from 12:15 to 1:30.

2/22: Meet 'n' Greet - New Venue: Please join other Optimists and potential members during Happy Hour at the Westin Arlington Gateway, 801 N. Glebe Rd. (near Wilson Blvd) from 6:00-7:30.

3:01: Joe Urschel, reporter, author, and a "founding father" of the Newseum. Thank you, Jim Norris, for inviting him. WGCC from 12:15 to 1:30.

3/15: Truth in Advertising -- a Novel Approach: Matt White, Chairman and CEO of White64, will explain his company's

Olympics requires enormous personal discipline as well as a willingness to take advice from others. She was introduced by the new president of the Optimist-Acorns, Doug Lamb. Both Ginny and Doug thanked the Optimist Club for its support for youth sports and the Rifle Club in particular. Thank you, Mark Whitenton, for arranging for Ginny to speak to us. And thank you, Tricia O'Hara, for securing nice articles in INSIDENOVA at both (http://www.insidenova.com/sports/olympic-gold-medalist-speaks-at-luncheon-for-junior-rifle-club/article_816b3442-d412-11e6-b4ba-6bd83a6fab41.html) and in the Arlington Sun-Times on January 6.

1/18: History of Roosevelt Island: NPS Cultural Resource Specialist Brad Krueger told us the surprisingly interesting history of the island that the George Mason family owned for over a century, was then used during by the Federal Government during the Civil War, and is now a preserve and monument to Teddy Roosevelt. Thank you, Mark Whitenton, for inviting Brad.

fresh approach to successful advertizing. Thank you, Mark Zetlin, for inviting him. WGCC 12-15 to 1:30.

4/05: Training Future Leaders:

Lisa Fikes, Director of Volunteer Arlington at the Leadership Center for Excellence, will explain the group's mission. Thank you, Mark Zetlin, for asking Lisa to speak to us. WGCC from 12:15 to 1:30.

Optimists on the Town:

Multi-talented Optimist member Al Pierce was the guest conductor at the McLean Orchestra's Christmas Concert held on December 10.



Al Pierce rehearsing under the



Brad Krueger presenting the history of Roosevelt Island.

As a result of Brad's presentation, Frank O'Leary invited him to speak to the Arlington Historical Society.

1/25: Meet 'n' Greet in January.



Stephen Toth, Betsy Cody, Sue Gartner, Sandy Bushue, Peter Wehmann, Neil Curran (Sandy's guest), Tricia O'Hara, directly behind Tricia is Jeff Englander (Sandy's guest), Richard Knight, Sue Crow, Clayton Depue, and Mark Zetlin. (Photo provided by Tricia).

guidance of Conductor Miriam Burns (photo by Concert staff).



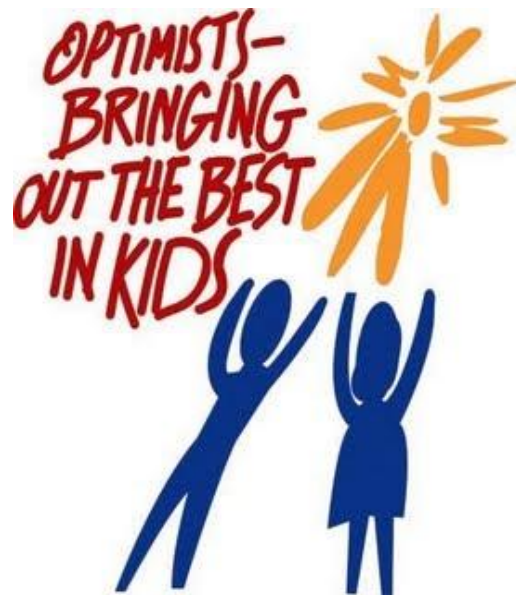
*Al conducting at the concert.
(Photo by Richard Knight).*



January 18: Sue Gartner, here with hostess, a debutant and her escort, and Peter Wehmann at the Russian Ball held at the Cosmos Club. (Photo provided by Sue).



January 20: Tricia O'Hara graces Table 7 at an Inaugural Ball on January 20. (Photo provided by Tricia).



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