

October 29, 2017

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The Optimist Monthly

Friend of Youth

Upcoming

November

11/01: Opera Nova. Soprano Jocelyn Hunt will tell us about the organization and, hopefully, treat us to her lovely voice. Thank you, Tricia O'Hara, for inviting her. WGCC at 12:15.

11/15: Annual Inter-Service Club Council luncheon. The Optimist Club will cover costs over \$25. WGCC at 11:30.

11/17: Tree Lot Construction. Please volunteer to JB Whitlow to help out!

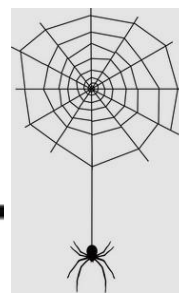
11/20: No Meet 'n'n Greet.

11/24: Tree Lot Opens!! See Sandy Bushue's "First Dispatch", below.

December

12/06: Speaker TBA.

12/13: Annual Christmas Breakfast. Thank you, Brian Kellenberger, for once again managing this important event. WGCC: 7:30 am.



October

10/04: Homeward Trails Animal Rescue. Sue Bell, founder and Executive Director of Homeward Trails, discuss the phenomenal success of her animal rescue organization (over 21,000 animals since its founding in 2001). Thank you, Leigh Hurley, for arranging for this speaker.



In addition, new president Clayton Depue invited Sue Gartner to present a

Christmas Tree Time



Sandy Bushue's First Dispatch From the North Pole!

Optimists,

Ho! Ho! Ho! Guess what time it is???????

The annual Optimist Club Tree Sales event is only five weeks away!!! We will be selling trees at the same location, corner of Lee Highway and Glebe Road - parking lot of Wells Fargo Bank. I believe this makes our 73rd year! What a tradition!!!

Please send me at least three dates and times that are preferable. For those who have already done so - Thanks! For those who have not, please do.

JB also needs help with setting up the lot. He will be working on it on Friday, November 17.

plaque conveying our Club's appreciation for the great job Mark Zetlin did as Club president for the past year.



Thank you from all of us, Mark!

Finally, Sue Gartner gives the oath to the members of the 2017-2018 Board that were present at the luncheon.



Sue Gartner, Clayton Depue (president), Tricia O'Hara (new Board member), Mark Zetlin (past-president), Sandy Bushue (vice-president), Larry Gaydos (treasurer), Gloria Mora (returning Board member), Gerry Marosek (new Board

Please let JB know if you can help and to get more details.

The tree lot committee has met twice and are ready to go to break last's year record! Committee Members are the following:

JB Whitlow - Lot Builder and Infrastructure Director
Greg Clough - Lot Captain
Brian Kellenberger - Lot Captain
Andreas Baltatzis - Lot Captain
Bob Patton - Lot Captain
John Karinshak - Lot Manager (daily)
Dick McHugh - Lot Manager Deputy and WH Ornaments Chairman
Richard Knight - Unloading volunteers and Arlington County interface
Barbara Nicastro - Volunteers
Larry Gaydos - Calling Committee (he needs help if you can let Larry know.)
Tricia O'Hara - Publicity and Promotion
Leigh Hurley - Ballston Improvement District (BID)

Please mark these

member) and Mark Whitenton (president-elect). Board of Directors not present for the photo are Erica Burson (secretary), Richard Knight (vice-president), Andreas Baltatzis (returning Board member), Leigh Hurley (returning Board member), and Linda Chandler (new Board member).

10/18: American Youth Philharmonic.

Dr. Graham Elliott, Executive Director of the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras, headquartered in Annandale, informed about this excellent program that serves over 400 students in the DC metropolitan area. The organization provides private music instruction to students who would not otherwise be able to afford



Lto R: Dr. Elliott, Bethlehem and Ella.

them. He brought with him two superb seniors, Bethlehem on viola and Ella on cello, who expect to be attending the nation's top music colleges next year. Thank you, Matt Kuhns, for inviting this

important dates on your calendar:

Friday, November 17-

Tree lot assembly

Tuesday, November 21 -

First Tree Delivery

Friday, November 24 -

Opening Day (!)

Lot Hours:

11/24 - 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday -

9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Monday thru Thursday -

2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday - Noon to 8:00 pm

Again, please look at your calendar and let me know what dates and times work best for you. Everyone will need to work at least two shifts and maybe three. I will send more notices about this as the date nears.

This year we expect to be selling trees two nights in Ballston, Dec. 13 and 14. Leigh Hurley is directing this effort. We do NOT need Optimist volunteers to staff this venue. Stay tuned.

I will be sending more emails - beware!

Optimistically,
Sandy Bushue

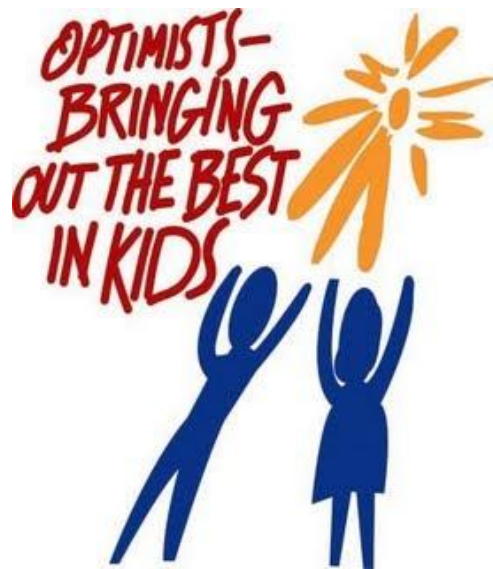
speaker and the two extremely talented seniors. In addition, the Club recognized Al Pierce, who is resigning. A popular member and a past-president of the Club, Al has been a Club member since 1988 -- which makes him one of the Club's longest-serving members.



10/25: Optimist Meet 'n' Greet. The year's last Meet 'n' Greet was well-attended:



Front row (l to r): Clayton Depue, Richard Knight, Barbara Nicastro, Sue Gartner, Tricia O'Hara, Erin Mendenhall. Back row: Mark Zetlin, Sandy Bushue, Ed Johnson



**Appendix: (below)
2003 Optimist Group
Photo**

**Past presidents are seated
in front. Photo provided
by Dick Rhodes.**

*(Sandy's guest), Jeff Englander, Raoul Russell (Erin's guest), and Peter Wehmann.
Not in the picture is Shelly Bennett, who
took the photo.,*

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

