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# The Optimist Monthly

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# Upcoming

## October

10/04: Homeward Trails Animal Rescue. Sue Bell, founder and Executive Director of Homeward Trails, will discuss the phenomenal success of this animal rescue organization (over 21,000 animals since its founding in 2001). Thank you, Leigh Hurley, for arranging for this speaker. WGCC 12:15.

10/18: American Youth Philharmonic. Thank you, Matt Kuhns, for inviting this speaker. WGCC 12:15.

10/25: Optimist Meet 'n' Greet. This is the last Meet 'n' Greet for this calendar year, so please join us and bring a



## September

9/06: Fellowship. With a last minute cancellation of our scheduled guest speaker, our luncheon was a relaxed opportunity to visit with each other and listen to a half-dozen short jokes (groaners) delivered by JB Whitlow. Also, Shandra Niswander, sponsored by Sue Gartner, was inducted.



Shandra Niswander (center) being inducted by President Mark Zetlin after having been introduced by Tricia O'Hara.

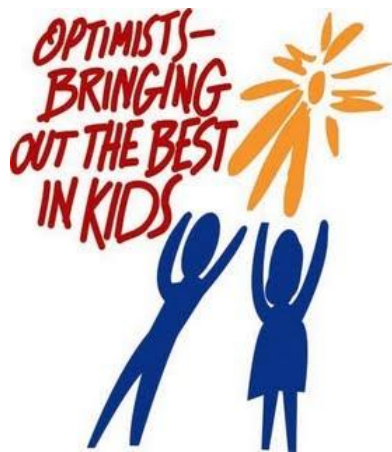
prospective member. Westin  
Arlington Gateway, 801 N.  
Glebe Rd. from 6:00 to 7:30.  
The Westin will validate free  
parking.

## November

11/01: TBA.

11/15: TBA.

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



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Virginia District 16; Northern  
Virginia Zone 4***

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9/20: Ballston BID. Allie Krafft,  
Communications Manager for Ballston  
Business Improvement District (a  
privately sponsored group tasked with  
improving the image of downtown  
Ballston), told us that we are going to  
see over the next few years 2,000 new  
apartments, 420,000 sq ft of new office  
space, and 480,000 sq ft of new retail  
space. She also told us that the current  
Ballston Mall will have its roof removed  
to become an open-air paseo.



Allie Krafft with Sandy Bushue before  
Allie's presentation.

Thank you , Sandy Bushue for asking  
Allie to share this information with us.

09/27: Meet 'n' Greet. Tricia O'Hara  
provided the photo below of this  
successful event.



Meet & Greet attendees Shelley Bennett, Sandy Bushue, Sue Gartner & Peter Wehmann (welcome back from vacation!), Tricia O'Hara, Patty Gewartowski (Sue's guest), and new member Shandra Niswander. Also attending, but left before the photo was taken, were Mark Zetlin, Brian Kellenberger, and Richard Knight.