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The Optimist Monthly

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Upcoming

April

4/04: Optimist Essay Contest winners. Thank you, **Jeff Englander** (with the advice and support from long-time Essay Contest manager, **Erica Burson**). Jeff reports the results as follows: FIRST PLACE: Kyleigh Friel, Bishop O'Connell High School. SECOND PLACE: Kiaris Alvarado Rojas, Bishop O'Connell High School. THIRD PLACE: Malia Stephens, Bishop O'Connell High School. **WGCC at 12:15.**

4/05: Oratorical Contest at Kenmore Middle School at 7 pm.

4/10: Oratorical Contest at Bishop O'Connell at 7 pm.

4/12: Oratorical Contest at Swanson Middle School at 7.



March

3/07: Helping Foster Children. Ramon Montes, Founder of the Reegratifying Foundation, "Happy Foster Kids," on what his foundation is doing to increase the high school graduation rate of Arlington's foster kids, which is only 34 percent today.



Photo by **Sue Gartner.**

4/17: Final Oratorical Contest.
Swanson Middle School 7 pm.

4/18: Theo Stamos,
Commonwealth's Attorney for
Arlington and Falls Church,
will give us an update. Thank
you Carla de la Pava for
inviting her. WGCC at 12:15.

4/21: Zone Oratorical Contest
at the Fairfax Springfield
Government Center at 2 pm.

4/25: Meet 'n' Greet. Holiday
Inn, 4610 N. Fairfax Dr. 5:30 to
7:00.

4/28: Fundraiser Sponsored
by the Central Fairfax Optimist
Club. Lt. Governor Anava
Grabowski urges us to come
early to enjoy food and drink.
Tickets are \$15 at the door. Of
course, the proceeds are to
"help accomplish all of our
programs to Bring Out the
Best in Kids". St Stephens
Methodist Church, 9203
Braddock Road, at 6:00 pm.

Thank you, Clayton Depue, for inviting
Ramon to speak to us about his exciting
program to help Arlington's foster kids.

3/21: Our luncheon was canceled due
to the spring snow storm.

3/28: Meet 'n' Greet. The following was
submitted by Tricia O'Hara:



Photo by Jeff Englander.

We had a great turn-out last night!
1st Row: Tricia O'Hara, Patty
Gewartowski (Sandy Bushue's Guest)
2nd Row: Danielle Grant (Erin
Mendenhall's guest), Betsy Cody,
Chanda Choun (Tricia O'Hara's
Guest), Sue Crow
3rd Row: Raoul Russell, Clayton
Dupue, and Jeff Englander.
Optimist Members & attendees
present but not in the photo: Mark

May

5/02: Oratorical Contest

Winners. Thank you, Richard Knight, for chairing this critical Optimist function again this year. WGCC: 12:15.

5/16: How Arlington's Fire Department is Protecting Us the Community. Thank you, Carla de la Pava, for inviting Fire Chief James Bonzano to speak to us. WGCC at 12:15.

5/23: Meet 'n' Greet. Holiday Inn, 4610 N. Fairfax Dr. 5:30 to 7:00, pm..

June

6/06: Ending Homelessness in Arlington. Scott Miller, Senior Director of Development at A-Span, will tell us what his organization is doing to help with this problem. Thank you, Leigh Hurley, for inviting him. WGCC at 12:15.

Zetlin, Sandy Bushue, Shelley Bennett, and Vivek Patil (Patty Gewartowski's Guest).

Arlington Optimist-Acorns Rifle Club

does well in two major tournaments! Rifle Club President Doug Lamb submitted the following with photo: In a very prestigious event, the Army Marksmanship Unit National Junior Air Rifle Championship at Ft. Benning, GA in February, the Acorns finished 2nd in the Precision Team category. In this national level championship, they competed against some of the best junior rifle athletes across the country. Team members included Aron Tinter, one of our seniors from Washington-Lee High School, far left in the second row in this photo:



6/20: Animal Welfare League of Arlington. Chief Toussaint and Samuel Wolbert will give us a status report on their activities. Thank you, **Leigh Hurley** for inviting them, and for working so hard to fill our speakers calendar so far in advance!

6/27: Meet 'n' Greet. Holiday Inn, 4610 N. Fairfax Dr. 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

July

7/04: July 4th Holiday. No luncheon.

7/18: Annual Coaches Appreciation Night. Once again this year, **John Karinshak** is heading up this important dinner to thank the many coaches helping our Club support Arlington youth sports. Time and place TBA.

7/25: Meet 'n' Greet. This is the last one until September

The Optimist-Acorns also did well at the annual Palmyra Invitational in January. It is a regional match in Pennsylvania that draws competitors from all along the East Coast, including several college teams. The Acorns earned more than a dozen individual and team awards, including 1st J1 team in Smallbore (.22). Only the three college teams scored higher in that event.

Optimists Out and About:

Tricia O'Hara has filed the following story and photos about two events she attended on March 3: Look who was out and about town this month? Lola and Tricia! They attended the Students for Liberty Awards Dinner at the Marriott Wardman Park in D.C. on Saturday 3 March. Top student leaders from all over the world were present, with John Mackey, Whole Foods Co-Founder and CEO as the keynote speaker.



26, so please come down and bring a prospective member!

August

8/01: Do you want to have a luncheon in August? In recent years, there has not been a second luncheon or a Meet 'n' Greet in August. Are you interested in attending a luncheon on August 1, or wait until September 5? Please let your President and your Board know which you prefer.



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First Row Left to Right: Two students for liberty, Connie Crosby, Tricia O'Hara, Lola Reinsch, Owner and manages multifamily housing, and a Land Developer, friend of Lola's.

Second Row Left to Right: Bill Crosby, former Counsel to US House Rules Committee, and Bill Detty, Land Developer/Home Builder.

And when the awards dinner ended, it was too early for these two "Party Animals" to go home, so they sashayed over to the Kennedy Center just in time for the silent auction/champagne reception/and meet the cast of Bowen McCauley Dance Co.'s presentation of Une Soiree de Danse. It was way after the Cinderella hour when they finally left this event!!



Seated: Lola Reinsch, Bill Detty
Standing left to right: Dustin Kimball,
Lead Dancer, Tricia O'Hara, and Linda
Chandler.

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