

# The Optimist Monthly

## Friend of Youth



January  
2019

### January 2019 Events

**1/02: Advertising Day:** At Tricia O'Hara's suggestion, this luncheon revived the past traditional "Advertising Day" that the Optimist Club used to hold the first luncheon in January while the WGCC is closed for two weeks. Among the lively conversations during the luncheon, Clayton Depue presented Sandy Bushue with a Christmas present to commemorate her fantastic leadership with the Christmas tree lot. (Photo at left taken by Clayton Depue).



**1/16: "Women in the Arlington Fire Department":** Anne Cormack Marsh,



Battalion Chief over all Arlington EMS operations, gave us a briefing on her role in training and managing the EMS personnel at all the Arlington and Falls Church fire stations in order to handle the enormous volume of calls Arlington EMS handles each year. She also explained the programs in place to increase the number of women firefighters. Thank you, Gloria Mora, for arranging for this speaker.

**1/23: Meet & Greet.** Again at the Westin Hotel, this first Meet & Greet for 2019 was well attended. **Tricia O'Hara**, who has been managing the Meet & Greets for several years, officially turned over that responsibility to **Shandra Niswander**, who has volunteered to carry on the excellent job Tricia has been doing.



Seated, from l to r: **Shandra Niswander**, **Tricia O'Hara**, and Jill Young (guest of Tricia). Standing, from l to r: **Mark Whitenton**, **Sandy Bushue**, Diane Andrews (guest of Gerry Marosek), **Clayton Depue**, **Sue Gartner**, **Barbara Nicastro**, **Mark Zetlin**, **Chanda Choun**, **Michal Simek**, **Robert Roudik**, and **Jeff Englander**. Missing from the photo is **Peter Wehmann**. (Photo by Debbie Whitenton).

## **Upcoming Events**

### **February**

**2/06: Vanessa C. Kauffman, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.** Thank you, **Gloria Mora**, for arranging for this speaker. WGCC at 12:15.

2/20: Paul Ferguson, Clerk of the Arlington Circuit Court. Thank you, yet again, Gloria Mora, for arranging for this speaker. WGCC at 12:15.

2/27: Meet & Greet. Shandra Niswander will be overseeing this Meet & Greet, still at the Westin Hotel from 5:30 to 7:00.

## March

3/06: Dean M. Nidosik, JR., Booz Allen Hamilton, on "Embracing Change - Technology in the 21st Century. Gloria, thank you again. WGCC at 12:15.

3/20: Angelina M. Lopez, with Hillwood Mansion. Although Gloria Mora has handed the Speakers Committee chair to Shandra Niswander, Gloria continues to schedule interesting speakers for us like this one. WGCC at 12:15.

3/27: Meet & Greet. At the Westin Hotel from 5:30 to 7:00.

## April

4/03: UNK. Please help out Shandra Niswander with suggested speaker for this luncheon and the two in June. WGCC at 12:15.

4/017: Essay Contest Winners. Thank you, Jeff Englander, for managing this core Optimist program for our Club again this year. WGCC at 12:15.

4/24: Meet & Greet. At the Westin Hotel from 5:30 to 7:00.

## May

5/01: Oratorical Contest. Again this year, Richard Knight has managed this vital AOC program. WGCC at 12:15.

5/15: Scholarship Winners. Please join us to celebrate the AOC's 2019 scholarship winners from Arlington's three high schools and Bishop O'Connell. Thank you, Mark Whinton, for managing this essential program for the AOC. WGCC at 12:15.

## **The President's Column:**

**Billing:** On January 6, each Optimist was sent an individual email with their bill for the period October 1 through December 31. As with your bills sent by email on November 17 covering the period April 1 through September 30, these January 6 emails were sent to you by Debbie Whitenton, who has contracted to handle membership billing. So far, about half of our members have paid up. If you have not paid yet, please send your checks, payable to the "Optimist Club of Arlington," to her address at 8720 Lords View Loop, Gainesville, VA 20155. Please do not use the AOC's P..O. Box in Arlington, VA for your payments. Invoice payments are also possible with our new "Square," either in person at a luncheon or Meet & Greet or by calling Debbie and paying by phone as has indicated on your invoices.

### **Vacant Positions:**

- **Essay Judges:** Jeff Enlgander has received 66 essays for this year's contest! He would like to have three more judges to help with the workload. Please contact Jeff directly to volunteer.
- **President-Elect:** We are still seeking a dedicated Optimist to serve as President-Elect, a position that still remains open to be next year's President, beginning October 1, 2019. If you are willing to serve, please send your interest to our Nomination Committee Chair, Clayton Depue.

Mark Whitenton



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## Late Christmas Photos:

Sandy Bushue forwarded this Christmas photo sent to her by Jim Norris of him swinging in southern warmth with his wife Barnett. Jim, a long-time leader and member, resigned from the Club last year as he left Arlington to retire down South.



JB Whitlow forwarded his photo of another one of the of the final customers of the Christmas tree lot on 12/15. Please note the contrast in weather to this week!

