

The Optimist Monthly

Friend of Youth

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Notice: The Washington Golf & Country Club will not be available to us in June, subject to revisions based on gradual reopening policies. Stay tuned for July events.

RECENT EVENTS

May

Scholarship Program: Four 2020 Optimist Scholarship winners have been selected. Due to the irregularities of this particular year, Yorktown High School did not send in any candidates. Accordingly, the Scholarship Committee granted a second scholarship to Wakefield, which forwarded us a number of highly gifted seniors for our consideration. Our thanks to Mark Whitenton as chair, but also to Sandy Bushue, Brian Kellenberger, Mark Zetlin, Erica Burson and Jeff Englander for working as a team to select this year's winners. As has been the case for the past few years, each scholarship winner will have \$5,000 sent to their university for their second semester tuition once they have sent our Club their first year transcript verifying that they have attained at least a C+ average -- which is not much of a hurdle for these outstanding students. Once our regular luncheons are resumed, every effort will be made to have the recipients attend a luncheon to receive their awards in person.

Arlington Optimist Club 2020 Scholarship Winners



The Arlington Optimist Club is proud to announce the four winners of this year's \$5,000 college scholarships. The winners are:

Ailis Brown of Wakefield High School.



Ailis will be attending Georgetown University.

Ethan Hemmings of Wakefield High School.



Ethan will be attending Shenandoah University.

Genevieve Maiden
of Bishop O'Connell High School.



Genevieve will be attending New York University's elite Tisch School of the Arts.

Jade Taylor
of Washington-Liberty High School.



Jade will be attending the University of Virginia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The June luncheons, the June Meet & Greet, and the July 1 luncheon have been cancelled. We are not sure yet about our July 15 luncheon or the July Meet & Greet, but will provide notice as soon as possible.

President's Message

Fellow Optimists,

One of the most gratifying things that we do is awarding Scholarships to notable and needy kids.

Mark Whitenton chaired the judging for our scholarship winners. We found several excellent students from several Arlington High schools who are high achievers with many interests.

We were unanimous in our choices and the students were from diverse backgrounds.

This is why we raise money from our great Christmas tree lot so that we may support youth in Arlington!

Don't forget we need new members to carry out our goals!

Even though we are not currently meeting for our fun luncheons, we hopefully will be resuming as soon as things open back up again.

Please tell your friends and associates about the great work we do and ask them if they would like to be part of it!

Stay Healthy.

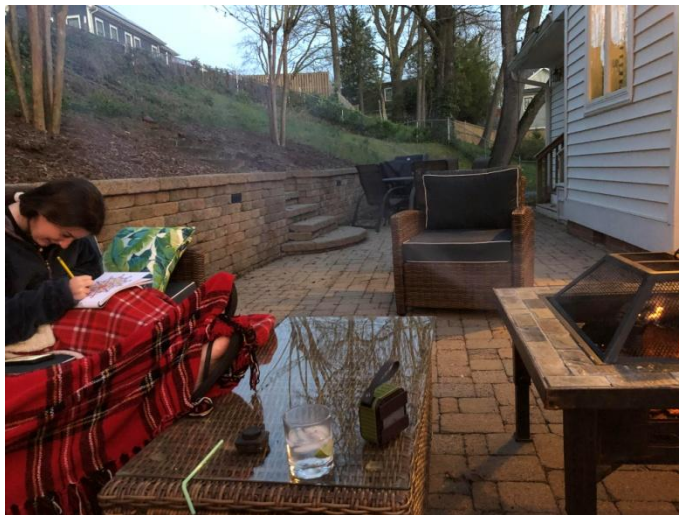
Optimistically,

Mark Zetlin

Photos of Members Social Distancing during May



Whiz Mountain: "This is the second of my virus projects. After completing the 1000 piece puzzle my goal is to sample all the pictured beers. On a happier note my grandson, James William Mountain, graduated from Virginia Tech ."



Greg Clough's daughter working on her coloring book. A photo of Greg's cast after he tore his Achilles climbing a fence on the golf course.

Below, Mark Zetlin practicing safe golf (l), while Conley Ricker demonstrates safe shopping (r).



Jeff Englander congratulates his daughter, an equestrian competitor, on going to the University of Kentucky this fall.



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