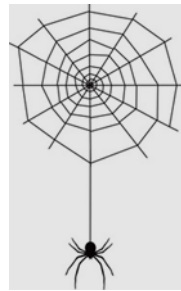


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October Events

10/06: "It Takes a Village" by Jennifer Owens, Executive Director Arlington Community Foundation, which was established 30 years ago to serve as a permanent community endowment built by the gifts and charitable legacies of individuals, families, and businesses for the betterment of Arlington County. As a grant-maker, convener, and sponsor of special initiatives, the Community Foundation strives to strengthen local nonprofits, encourage better understanding of the needs of Arlingtonians, and address the most critical issues of our time to ensure that our community provides opportunity for everyone. Owens spoke with us about the unique role of a community foundation and the recent initiatives that ACF has undertaken to help our community weather the pandemic and keep low-income residents from being displaced from our community.

Also, the 2021-2022 Officers and Board of Directors were inducted as we begin our fiscal year on October 1. The list of the Officers and Directors are as follows:

President: Brian Kellenberger (automatic)
President-Elect: Andreas Baltatzis (new)
Vice President: Sandy Bushue
Vice President: Richard Knight

Treasurer: Gerry Marosek
Secretary: Debbie Whitenton
Past-President: Jeff Englander (automatic)
Board of Directors:
 One Year Left:
 Mark Whitenton (automatic)
 JB Whitlow (automatic)
New Board Members with two-year terms:
 Tim Landis
 Mark Zetlin

October 20: To Bee or Not to Bee by Dan Price, founder and Chief Executive of



Sweet Virginia Foundation. Did you know that honey bees are not native to North America? Importantly, did you know that bees are vital to modern agriculture? Without them, many of the crops that we take for granted would cease to exist. Sadly, the survival of bees is in jeopardy. He revealed that what's killing them is an invasive mite and is being stabilized. He did

bring samples of his favorite product!



Dan Price receives the ceremonial coffee mug from our new president, Brian Kellenberger.

10:27: Meet & Greet: The meeting at Texas Jack's was the last Meet & Greet until January. Thank you, Erin Mendenhall for inviting a prospective member, Linda Staheli. See photo, below.



From left to right: Greg Clough, Peter Wehmann, Linda Staheli, Sue Gartner, Jeff Englander, Erin Mendenhall and Brian Kellenberger. Photo taken by Sandy Bushue.

November Events

11/03: *The Great War Remembered* by Edwin Fountain of the American Battle Monuments Commission has been the driving force behind the creation of a monument to those American soldiers who served and fought in World War I (Over 2,000,000 went “*Over There!*” and more than 117,000 never returned). Last November, at our luncheon, Mr. Fountain shared with us Optimists the final plans for the Memorial (sadly, due to Covid-19, attendance was very low). In April of this year his dream became a reality and he has generously agreed to speak once again to update our club on all aspects of the Memorial, how it was created, and future plans. WGCC at 12:15.

11/17: ISCC Luncheon. The annual luncheon of the Inter-Service Club Council will again be held at the WGCC. Your lunch is included in our regular luncheon fee. In the past, the Optimists have regularly filled at least a table. And remember, our own **Sandy Bushue** is the current President of the ISCC. Please join us for this important event. WGCC starting at 11:30.

December Events

12/01: Delegate Patrick Hope – “Probable Actions by State Legislature”. Again, thank you, Frank, for arranging for Delegate Hope. WGCC at 12:15. *[Frank deserves our appreciation for the extensive work he has been doing to not only provide excellent speakers for our luncheons, but also to share his informative descriptions (and occasional witticisms). Ed].*

12/15: Christmas Breakfast. Once again, **Brian Kellenberger** will organize our annual Christmas breakfast. It will also be the occasion to celebrate our **Optimist Club’s 75th Anniversary!** WGCC at 7:30 am.

Tree Lot Update by **Sandy Bushue**



See the current tree

lot schedule in the Appendix or by double clicking on the PDF, below:



Optimist 2021 10-29
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Optimists,

We are only a few weeks away from tree lot season! We have had a crazy past week. Last weekend, we learned that Wells Fargo Bank was not going to let us use their parking lot for our tree sales. As you all know, we have been selling trees for 75 years at the same location!!!!

A big thanks to our intrepid president Brian Kellenberger who rallied JB Whitlow, Richard Knight, Barbara Nicastrro and Gerry Marosek. To make a very long story brief, we were able to convince Wells Fargo to reverse its decision. Yes, we did!!! So, we are safe for this year. A big thank you to Brian and team!!! Another big thank you to Missy Heinzer with BabeRuth Baseball who also put in a lot of effort to help.

Please note that we will be impacted by the supply chain issues in our country. Our grower is having problems with finding shippers due to the truck driver shortage. Unloading the trees will be a challenge as it relates to scheduling so please be flexible. Richard Knight ALWAYS does a great job and always finds success for us by thinking ahead. Thank you, Richard.

Did you know that we are the biggest tree lot in all of NO. VA. We sure are!!!! We will have 2,496 trees this year to unload and sell!!!!

Below is the current schedule. We need help for the weekends and the weekdays! Many of you are missing. Please let me know when you can work. Remember, Optimists are only cashiers except on the weekends. Two Optimists will be assigned and one will need to manage and work the lot. On Saturday, December 4 is historically the busiest day and that weekend is also the busiest weekend!! I am working Saturday morning on 12/4. I like to work the lot so I need an Optimist cashier!

Let's make this season the best ever.

Optimistically, Sandy Bushue

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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Optimist Club of Arlington 16-005;
Mid-Atlantic Region 3;
Capital- Virginia District 16;
Northern Virginia Zone 4;
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Appendix: Christmas Tree Lot Schedule



Tree Lot Calendar 2021 SCHEDULE (as of 10/18/21)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you need to change your scheduled date and time, it is up to you to find your replacement.

Out of courtesy, please contact the lot captain who is responsible for that week:

11/26-12/4: Brian Kellenberger (kellenbererbik@gmail.com / 703.501.0343); 12/5-12/11: Andreas Baltatzis (abaltatzis@gmail.com / 703.862.3452);

12/12-12/18: Jeff Englander (Englanderjeffrey@gmail.com / 703.300.3028); 12/18-12/22: Bob Patton (rjpatton@hotmail.com / 703.981.3412).

The Optimist directory is on the website at www.optimistclubofarlingtonva.org. Please sign-up as a member to access the directory.

You may want to do so now.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						11/26 BABERUTH 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Gartner/Wehmann 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD	11/27 ACORNS ALL DAY/ EVERY SHIFT
	11/28	11/29	11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4
Captain: Kellenberger	BABERUTH ACORNS ALL DAY/ EVERY SHIFT	BABERUTH 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Gartner/Wehmann 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD	BABERUTH 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Depue 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD	BABERUTH 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Whitenton 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Zetlin	BABERUTH 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Bouchard 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD	BABERUTH Noon - 5:00 p.m. Bushue/Whitlow 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD	BABERUTH 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bushue 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. TBD 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD
	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11
Captain: Baltatzis	YULA 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Baltatzis 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. TBD 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD	YULA 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Clough 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD	YULA 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Depue 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Bushue	YULA 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Clough 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Zetlin	YULA 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Bouchard 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Baltatzis	YULA Noon - 5:00 p.m. Bushue/Whitlow 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Baltatzis	YULA 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. O'Hara 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. TBD 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD
	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18
Captain: Englander	AGSB 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Englander 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. TBD 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Englander	AGSB 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. TBD 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Englander	AGSB 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Whitenton 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Englander	AGSB 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Whitenton 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Englander	AGSB 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. TBD 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD	AGSB Noon - 5:00 p.m. TBD 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD	AGSB 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. TBD 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. TBD 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD
	12/19	12/20	12/21				
Captain: Patton	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. TBD 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. TBD 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD	2:00 - 5:00 p.m. TBD 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD	2:00 - 5:00 p.m. TBD 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. TBD				