

The Optimist Monthly

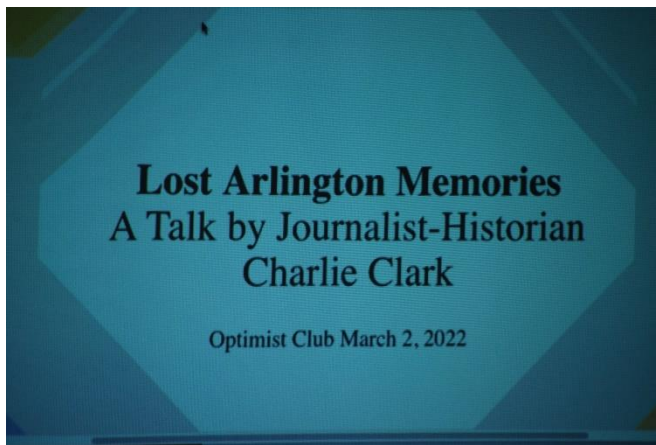
Friend of Youth

March 31, 2022



March Events

3/02: Charlie Cook. Local historian Charlie Cook joined us for the third time to continue his photographic journey through Arlington, old and new. Charlie is



the author of a score of books on Arlington. He presented excerpts from his recent publication *Lost Arlington* and the dark days when the American Nazi Party was headquartered in our fair county. Thank you, Frank O'Leary, for scheduling Charlie.



Also at the luncheon, President Brian Kellenberger inducted Shawn Harris. Shawn became interested in joining our Club after purchasing her Christmas tree this year. Please take an opportunity to get to know Shawn when you next see her.

3/16 - Matt de Ferranti, County Board Member and immediate past chair, discussed what he has learned about Arlington in his four years of service and his priorities for the future. Once again, thank you, Frank O'Leary, for inviting him. Please see photos provided by Richard Knight at left and Parker Rist below.



3/30: Meet & Greet: This month's Meet & Greet was again held at Texas Jack's, with at least one guest who is planning to join! Thank you, Brian Kellenberger, for working to recruit him.

April

4/06: Hannah Dannenfelser, Community Engagement Director, Leadership Center for Excellence/Volunteer Arlington, will speak on her program's mission and accomplishments and how Optimists might want to get involved. Frank O'Leary, who invited her, has asked Erin Mendenhall to introduce her. WGCC at 12:15.

4/20: An update/introduction to the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) by Dr. Andy Semmel, the US representative to the IAEA. Thank you, Clayton DePue for inviting him. Please note that the Club's officers and Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year will be elected at this luncheon. See details below. WGCC at 12:15.

4/27: Meet & Greet: Texas Jack's (2761 Washington Blvd) from 5:30 to 7:00. Hope to see you there with a potential Optimist member!

May

5/04: Tina Leone- Ballston Bid CEO. WGCC at 12:15.

5/18: To be determined.

5/25: Meet & Greet: Texas Jack's (2761 Washington Blvd) from 5:30 to 7:00. Again, Meet & Greets are the best way to introduce potential members to our Club!

June

6/01: Craig Syphax. Thank you, Frank O'Leary, for inviting him. WGCC at 12:15.

Elections for 2022-2023

The Nomination Committee (Andreas Baltatis, Brian Kellenberger and chaired by Jeff Englander) has formulated the following slate of candidates for the Club's 2022-2023 fiscal year, which begins this October 1. The Optimist's current Board of Directors has approved these nominations. The election will take place at the Optimist luncheon on April 20. Additional candidates may be offered from the Floor during the luncheon.

Officers:

President: Andreas Baltatzis (automatic)
President-Elect: Debbie Whinton
Vice President: Sandy Bushue
Vice President: Richard Knight
Treasurer: Gerry Marosek
Secretary: Mark Whinton
Past-President: Brian Kellenberger (automatic)

Board of Directors:

One Year Left:

Mark Zetlin (automatic)
Parker Rist (new)

New Board Members with two-year terms:

Erica Burson
Shawn Harris

Virginia's Resolution for John Karinshak

Please see the meaningful tribute to our late member, John Karinshak, attached as an Appendix. This joint resolution by the Virginia House was sponsored primarily by Delegate Patrick Hope, who spoke to us at our luncheon on January 5, 2022. Thank you, Frank O'Leary, for providing this resolution.



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Appendix

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 377

Offered March 6, 2022

Celebrating the life of John Stephen Karinshak.

Patrons-- Hope and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin and Howell

WHEREAS, John Stephen Karinshak, a highly admired member of the Arlington community, died on February 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, John Karinshak moved to the Washington, D.C., area after graduating from Fairchance-Georges High School; and

WHEREAS, John Karinshak began a long and distinguished career in law enforcement as a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, then joined the Arlington Police Department in 1966; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 33-year career, John Karinshak served as a detective and became the captain of the Arlington Police Department's Narcotics Unit; he earned a bachelor's degree from American University during that period; and

WHEREAS, during his time as a police officer, John Karinshak encountered many young people in need of mentorship and positive influences, and he strove to make a difference in the community by volunteering with youth organizations and serving as a coach for youth athletics teams; and

WHEREAS, John Karinshak offered his leadership to the Arlington Host Lions, Eyeglass Recycling Center of Northern Virginia, Better Sports Club of Arlington, Arlington Sports Hall of Fame, and Arlington County Babe Ruth Baseball; he was active with the local Optimist Club and enjoyed working at the club's annual Christmas Tree Lot; and

WHEREAS, John Karinshak enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a devout member of St. Ann Catholic Church, where he served as an usher for many years; and

WHEREAS, John Karinshak will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 52 years, Judith; his son, George, and his family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of John Stephen Karinshak; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of John Stephen Karinshak as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.