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Upcoming Dates to Remember

August 17

The Light Behind

The Dark:

Exciting Kids

about Exploring

Deep Space: Dr.

Alice Monet,

President's Notes

Hello Members!

I hope

everyone's

summer is going

well. We have

had some great

turnouts at the

Astronomer,
retired in 2010
after 35 years in
the US Naval
Observatory, now
President of
Friends of the
David M. Brown
Planetarium in
Arlington. Thank
you, Brig, for this
accomplished
speaker.

September 7:

Rick Neilis, Head
of the Marine

meetings.

It's great seeing
the attendance
so high during
the summer.

Credit has to be
pointed towards
our program
coordinator
extraordinaire,
Sue Gardner.

As my tenure
comes to a
close, Brig Pari,
President-Elect
is preparing for a
great year,
starting in
October. This is
going to be great
for the club.

Corps Marathon

September 21

Arienne

Thompson, USA

TODAY

October 5

Changing of the

Guard, Greg

hands the gavel

to Brig. Greg's

tenure has been

marked by re-

establishing and

updating our

website,

Please reach out to our Board with ideas regarding new fundraisers and programs. We are always looking for new ways to grow.

We have a pending new membership application from Dori O'Donnell who works at American University and is the mother of our Oratorical winner who went on to win the District

revamping our
newsletter,
expanding our
presence in the
community with
his reworked
Arlington Optimist
Tip-Off Classic,
the sponsorship
of Arlington
Soccer, and the
Trial Evening
Meeting. As
President-Elect,
Brig Pari brought
us into the
elementary

(State)!

Enjoy the end of
August.

Thank you for
your support.

Optimistically
yours,

Greg

Upcoming Slate for
Club Officers-Elect
who will be taking
office October 1,
2011

President Designate:
Brig Pari

President Elect

school Youth Reading Program and as the sole service club to get behind the successful effort to Save the David M. Brown Planetarium. Our club is on the move, thanks to these two officers.

Program Updates:

Designate: Mark Whitenton

VP Designate: Whiz Mountain

VP Designate: Yvonne Pover

Secretary Designate: Larry Hynson

Treasurer Designate: Larry Gaydos

Director-Two Year Designate: Frank Broome, Richard Knight, Bill Swanson

Director- One Year Designate: Al Pierce, Jerry Williams, Bob Patton

July 20

50/50 Mark Zetlin

Joe D'Amico Pot- Paul

Hill

Attendance Prize-

Morty Zetlin who was

not in attendance.

Meeting Summaries and Guest Speakers:

July 6

John Karinshak headed

Officers and Board Members

**President: Greg
Clough**

President Elect: Brig
Pari

Vice-President: Delk
Hanaker

Vice-President: John
Karinshak

Secretary: Larry
Hynson

Treasurer: Larry
Gaydos

Past President: JB
Whitlow/Sandy

Bushue

up Coaches Night on July 6, 2011. First we heard from our Optimists giving an overview of some of our events: Brig spoke regarding our donation to the Planetarium. Sandy spoke about the Christmas Tree Lot. Charlie Binns talked about Babe Ruth Baseball. Tom Scroi spoke about hockey and David spoke regarding soccer. Then, Larry Gaydos introduced the guest speaker, Jim Hannan, from the Washington Senators. Jim played Major League Baseball for 10 years. He is now the Chairman of the Alumni Association for the MLB.

Directors

Bob Patton

Al Pierce

Jerry Williams

Dick McHugh

Barbara Nicastro

Neil Stern

Board Meeting: 3rd

Monday 7PM

Madison Community
Center

3829 N. Stafford St.

Arlington, VA 22207-
4512

Jim told great stories about when he was a pitcher. When he was pitching to his first batter he looked down and realized the player up at bat was the same player whose name was printed on the inside of his glove! Another time Mickey Mantle came up to bat and Jim was going to intentionally walk him. His manager, Gil Hodges, told him that he was going to take him out of the game if he walked Mantle, the next pitch soared over the fence. Jim ended up getting Mantle to fly out the next time and he said to him, "I got you, I got you, I got you!"

Famous player, Ted

Williams, who was one of Jim's managers, was one of the first to use video to improve players' batting. Williams told Jim, 'hitting is 90% mental'.

Fellow player, big Frank Howard sounds like quite a character. Jim told stories of their life on the road together. Including late night trips and Frank getting his way at a restaurant, moving them to the head of the waiting list with his wit, saving them from missing a start of a ball game.

Jim said that kids shouldn't throw curve balls until they are about 15 or 16. He has taught kids to change fingers but

throw like a fastball, to make it easier on the arm.

Great stories Jim!

The door prizes that night were a book on fastball pitchers, an autograph from the Capitals and a Yogi Berra Book.

July 20

We had two speakers representing Signature Theatre. The first one, Peter Eramo, is the publicist for the theatre. For the first time ever, they currently have two musicals starting at one time. Early on when the

school started it won 5 Helen Hayes awards along with a Tony Award in 2009. They have done 21 Stephen Sondheim productions. This month they are going to have a two day, four show, tribute to Stephen Sondheim.

In 2007, the new theatre opened in Shirlington Village where 80,000 patrons have attended. There are two theatres there, one seating 110 and the other seating 286. Periodically they hold Open Houses where they show fifteen minutes of their new performances. Check out their website for information.

Next David Zubell spoke about promoting the role the theatre plays in the community. They have an apprentice program where ten students are receiving credit for school, learning the craft of acting. They also offer classes and other training programs through their "Signature in the Schools" program. This fall they are working on "MacArthur and the Cold War". For this they are commissioning a playwright who is writing the play for 10-14 students from Wakefield High School as well as a professional actor plus five more students being bussed in. Sounds like a

wonderful production.

One recent student has
even become a Signature
Theatre Director!

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