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The Optimist Monthly Friend of Youth

Upcoming Events:

11/02 "Is The U.S. Financially Going the Way of Europe?" Jim Burgess, CPA and Optimist member since 1977. Jim, having clients in the US and abroad throughout his professional life, gives us his informed perspective on our nation's current policies and possible outcomes.

Pari-Scope

Greetings,
everyone!

Our

Thank you, Richard Knight, for suggesting our fellow Optimist to be today's speaker.

11/16: Optimist Board Meeting at WGCC at 11:00 am. Brig encourages any Optimist who is interested to attend this open Board meeting.

11/16: InterService Club Council lunch at the Knights of Columbus.

11/19-20: Christmas Tree Lot: JB Whitlow will be building the Christmas tree lot over that weekend. If you

Arlington Optimist fall has gotten off to a great start, and our new board is looking forward to a terrific year. Just to remind you, feel free to contact any of us with thoughts and

can help out, please contact him.

11/22: Trees Arrive: The first truck load of Christmas trees arrives at the bank parking lot at 8:00 a.m. If you can make it, Sandy promises hot chocolate and doughnuts. Many hands make light work, despite the fact that these truckloads are anything but light.

12/05: "A New Era at Marymount University." At our luncheon, guest speaker

suggestions

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President—

Elect: Mark

Whitenton

Vice

President:

Yvonne

Pover

Vice

President:

Whiz

Mountain

Secretary:

Lawrence

W. Hynson

Treasurer:

is Dr. Mathew D. Shank. Dr. Shank began serving as the sixth president of Marymount University on July 1, 2011.

12/21: Christmas Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at WGCC.

Meeting Summaries and Guest Speakers:

10/5 Changing of the Guard, Greg handed the gavel to Brig. Greg's tenure has been marked by re-establishing and updating our website, revamping our newsletter, expanding our presence in the community

Lawrence
A. Gaydos
Immediate
Past
President:
Greg
Clough
Directors:
Two Year
Term: Bill
Swanson
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Term:
Richard
Knight
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Term:

with his reworked Arlington Optimist Tip-Off Classic, the sponsorship of Arlington Soccer, Trial Evening Meeting. As President-Elect, Brig Pari brought us into elementary 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!!

Drawing winners: Bob Patton won the 50/50; JB Whitlow won the Mafia Pot; and Tom White won the attendance prize.

10/19 **“Unite Or Die: How Thirteen States Became A Nation,”** Teaching Children To Value the Genius of our Constitution – Jacqueline Jules, award-winning author of 23 books for young readers, teacher, poet and frequent speaker to children’s groups when she is not working as a part-time writing resource teacher at Nottingham

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Elementary School. Ms. Jules' 48-page illustrated book relates the progress and conflicts of the Constitutional Convention in a clever way: the book is in the form of a school play with children taking the parts of the colonies and several of the main figures. The drawings are done by Jeff Czekaj, who draws for *Nickelodian Magazine*. The book sells for \$7.95, plus tax, and would make an excellent Christmas gift for grandchildren and nephews in or around 4th grade.

According to Sue, her book can be purchased at: One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland Street, Arlington, 22213; [703-300-9746](tel:703-300-9746) Note: this new store is easy to find. It's just as you are about to enter Falls Church on Lee Highway, after crossing I-66. It is on the side street across from Ls Cote d'Or Restaurant, which is behind EconoLodge on the left.

Update on Optimist Baseball: Optimist Charlie Binns, currently president of Arlington Babe Ruth Baseball, gave a

the
Christmas
Tree
Fundraiser
in her
capable
hands, and
her
committee
has already
met several
times to
make sure
this event
runs like
clockwork
as usual.

report on next spring's line up. He expects to again have roughly 1,300 children on the 6 levels of teams (over 100 teams in all). Charlie said he hope to maintain the spring's enrollment fees at the same as this year, despite the imposition of a new \$8.00 per-child fee by the Arlington County Board as a "field user fee."

Although Charlie is resigning as the Babe Ruth Baseball liaison with the Arlington Optimists, his wife, Mary Binns, will take over as the club's liaison with BRB. Mary will become a member of the Optimist Club of Arlington in order to do this.

Personality Test: Brig asked each person at the luncheon to pick out a jelly bean from a large bowl containing jelly beans of all primary colors (e.g., no watermelon). Then she read a personality profile for each color. A fun exercise, despite the frequent subordination of subliminal color preference to simple taste preference -- [some just like liquorish].

Please plan on helping out with staffing requests so we all share the load of covering the tree lot (there will be hot chocolate and donuts...). JB would also appreciate

Optimist/Acorn Rifle Team: Stan Sitnik provides this report (after luncheon) that this summer's five Acorn graduates (all of whom received rifle-shooting scholarships to various universities) have been replaced. Four of the new athletes are from Yorktown High School. Optimist Bill Terry is the head coach of the Acorns and provides this information: It's relatively quiet this time of year: We are just beginning our season, have 15 kids, including four from Yorktown HS, and we're totally filled. Recall that about half the club graduated and went on to college last year, so about half are new to us (though not necessarily novices). Club president is Chuck (Charles) Miller, his son is Andrew. Getting ready for big matches that will take place in Jan. and Feb. 2012. Team members practice at the NRA on various Sunday evenings, at the Izaak Walton air rifle range in Centreville, and, some, at home.

Drawing winners: General Babcock

help in set-up of the lot so please contact him to coordinate timing.

Trish O'Hara has kindly agreed to organize the Annual Holiday Breakfast, which will

(father of Dr. Alice Monet) won the 50/50, and graciously turned his winnings over to the club; Dick Knight won the Mafia Pot, and no one was present to claim the attendance prize (so next luncheon the attendance prize will increase to 20 zillion samolians).

be held on
December
21 at
WGCC.

Please let
her know if
you would
like to help
out on this
wonderful
tradition.

Also, our
next Board
meeting will
be held at
11 am on

Wednesday
, November
16, in the
Woodrow
Wilson
Room at
Washington
Golf and
Country
Club.

Anyone who
would like to
attend may,
although
only current
Board
Members

may vote.

Thought for
the Day:

“Gratia
maxima est
virtus”

Whoever
contacts me
first with the
correct
translation
will get a
prize
announced
at the next
luncheon.

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y yours,
Brig Pari,
President
Arlington
Optimists

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Capital- Virginia
District 16
Northern Virginia Zone 4
Arlington Optimist Club 005

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