

Sept 2011 newsletter My first?

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The Optimist Monthly Friend of Youth

**Upcoming
Dates to
Remember**

9/21 Optimistic

By Design:

President's Notes

Surprise! It's

Infusing Your

Path With

Happiness-

Arienne

Thompson, USA

TODAY Fashion

and Celebrity

News Journalist

and judge at our

Oratorical

Contest in May.

"Many of us long

for a career or

topic of study

that we just love,

but often fall

short, taking on

almost October.

As I bid you a

farewell, I am

excited about

the future of our

club as I hand

over the reins to

Brig Pari. I am

certain she will

take us to new

heights.

Speaking of

heights, our tree

lot chair, Sandy

Bushue, is back

from her

jobs and majors that don't fulfill us. Arienne talks about how she's managed to find happiness in her life by seeking out the things that really speak to her." Thank you, Greg, for this great speaker! WGCC

10/5 Changing of the Guard, Greg hands the gavel to Brig. Greg's tenure has been marked

Christmas Tree Farm inspection down in North Carolina as she was climbing hills inspecting this year's crop of Christmas trees. 1,901 trees are on order and will be delivered after Thanksgiving.

Remember, these trees won't sell

by re-establishing and updating our website, revamping our newsletter, expanding our presence in the community 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!! WGCC

10/19 "Unite Or Die: How

themselves! My recommendation at this point is to start stretching your back or go visit our local chiropractor (JB). Seriously, please let Sandy Bushue know of any scheduling conflicts you might have during this time as she is starting to put together the

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 Elementary School. Book signing to follow.

WGCC

11/2 Is The U.S. Financially Going the Way of Europe?- Jim Burgess, CPA and Optimist member since

work schedule calendar.

The golf committee has decided to push back the date of the golf tournament to next May to ensure that it is going to be a great event.

The Club directory was sent out earlier

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

11/16 InterService Club Council lunch

Program Updates:

8/3

50/50- Al Pierce

D'Amico/Mafia

today. This is being stored electronically. Please let me know of any corrections that need to be made.

Thank you for all the support I received this year. It has been an honor.

**Pot- Larry
Gaydos
Attendance- Mark
Whittenton**

8/17

**50/50- Gordon
Ball**

D'Amico/Mafia

**Pot- Whiz
Mountain**

**Attendance-
Winnings
donated by Sue
Gartner**

9/7

Optimistically
yours,

Greg

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

President Designate: Brig
Pari

President Elect
Designate: Mark Whittenton

VP Designate: Whiz
Mountain

VP Designate: Yvonne
Pover

Secretary Designate: Larry

50/50 Sue Gartner

D'Amico/Mafia

Pot- Whiz

Mountain

Attendance:

**Chris Cole (not
present)**

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Meeting

Summaries

and Guest

Speakers:

8/3

Our guest speaker was

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

Officers and Board

**Dr. Mark Lagon, author
of Kids Who Are
Sold: Human
Trafficking In The
US And Around
the World,
Exploited For
Labor or For Sex.
Dr. Lagon was
the State
Department
Ambassador to
monitor and
combat human
trafficking from
2007-2009 on
the CEO Polaris**

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

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

Project. He is currently the Visiting Professor at Georgetown University in the Foreign Service Program and Adjunct Senior Fellow in Human Rights on the Council of Foreign Relations.

Dr. Lagon told us horrifying stories of a girl sent to

**Thailand into a
labor camp
processing
seafood, when
she tried to flee
she was beaten
and her head was
shaved. He met a
woman in Kuwait
who had had an
employer bite her
all over her back.**

**As Dr. Lagon
headed this topic
of human
trafficking he's**

had the U.S. government take action known as the "Trafficking Protection Act" where different countries are graded by a color code system on their abuse levels. In 2008 there were 8,000 prosecuted. In 2009 there were 49,000 known victims, in 2010 there were 33,000

**victims known.
In the U.S. there
were 100,000
minors
prostituted
annually.**

**Dr. Lagon is
looking for help
from businesses,
for awareness.
Corporations
have joined
together in a
business
coalition to
address these**

issues. The
hotline is [888-
373-7888](tel:888-373-7888).

On August 17th
we heard from Dr.
Alice Monet from
the David M.
Brown
Planetarium. She
started off by
thanking the
Optimist Club for
their donation to
the Planetarium.
The donation

**came to them at
the perfect time
and gave them
the 'shot in the
arm' that they
needed.**

**Dr. Monet spoke
about children
and their natural
love of science.
She sees the role
of science as a
way to preserve
the sense of awe.
She feels that
science should**

be fun, and we should learn by doing. “Let the kids be the teachers.”

Some planetariums are now having snow falling and rock music playing. It makes it more memorable and it excites the imagination. Our planetarium has a new projector

**that is going to
'knock your
socks off'...even
the teenagers
think it's cool!
Students will be
able to create
presentations
and be able to
project them at
the planetarium.**

**As a result of the
campaign to save
the Planetarium
they were able to
collect \$450,000**

**in contributions,
which was more
than the \$402,000
they needed. The
construction for
installation of the
new equipment
begins in
November.**

9/7

**Our guest
speaker was,
Rick Nealis,
Director of the**

**Marine Corps
Marathon (MCM).
Rick started off
by telling his
story. He was an
“F” student in
high school. He
wanted to drop
out of school and
take a job that
had been offered
to him to be on
the grounds crew
of the
Philadelphia
Phillies. His
parents told him**

**he wasn't allowed
to take the
job...today his
best friend is
head of the
grounds crew
there!**

**When Rick got
the job as the
MCM Director he
reached out to
Oprah who had
been making it
known she was
focusing on her
physical training.**

She agreed to run the marathon but had a couple of demands: She requested the number 40 on her bib- this was the year she turned 40 years old, and she said she had never used a porta-potty and wanted her own fenced in RV to follow her on the race. The demands were

**met and the rest
is history.**

**To make the story
even more
interesting, Rick
was offered a job
by Oprah's
security people.
He became the
Traveling
Security Detail
Director and
guarded the
flame for the 1986
Olympics for 120
days at the**

Holiday Inn. He was the one who handed the flame off to Muhammad Ali. After this it was back to the MCM.

Besides the Marathon, there is also a 1 mile Fun Run next to the Pentagon every year. They get about 3,000 runners every year for it.

**This year's Fun
Run will be on
October 29th
followed by the
marathon on the
30th.**

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