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The Optimist Monthly

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Upcoming Events

9/19: Our Accomplishments During this Past Year. Optimist President Brig Pari reviews the past year of Arlington Optimists' activities and initiatives.

10/03: The Oil Spill: What Did BP Know and When Did They Know It? After swearing in the new Arlington Optimists board, our guest, Beverly Sauer, will speak on the BP oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico and how the company could have spotted trouble long before the disaster occurred. WGCC at 12:15.

10/17: Symphonic Music Returns to Arlington. Our guest speaker will be Scott Wood, Conductor of the Arlington Philharmonic. WGCC at 12:15.

11/03: The Wiz Quiz Program. Lin Kelly, co-founder of Wiz Quiz in 1994, will discuss how this program uses group activities to maintain the brain fitness and social connections of older adults. WGCC at 12:15

THIS PAST SUMMER's LUNCHEONS

June

6/06: "Respect for Law Day." Optimist Judge Jim Almand hosted our annual awards luncheon recognizing the exceptional work that Arlington law enforcement has been doing on behalf of our community.

6/20: Optimist president Brig Pari led the luncheon participants in an organized "meet your fellow Optimists" event, which provided the opportunity for the attending luncheon participants to learn more about each other's personal histories.

JULY

7/16: Coaches Night. It was well attended and Thirsty Bernies provided a comfortable atmosphere for coaches from the various Optimist-sponsored activities to share their appreciation and discuss their future activities.

7/18: London Olympian Julie Zetlin (daughter of Optimist Mark Zetlin) explained just how much optimism, hard work, and perseverance through adversity that it takes to become the only American since 2004 to qualify for the Olympics in Rhythmic Gymnastics.

8/01: Educating Youth About the Constitution. Kate Obenshain, VP of Young America's Foundation and the Reagan Ranch, discussed the need for today's young people to learn more about the US Constitution

and described the efforts her organization is making in that regard.

8/15: Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston. Optimist Mark Whinton explained why Johnston was shelved by Confederate President Jeff Davis when the South needed this general the most.

SEPTEMBER

7/05: The Library of Congress' New Look. Library of Congress Education Specialist Susan Mordan discussed the Library's mission and its newest interactive programs.

In addition, Optimist President Brig Pari showed a video promoting the Reading Adventures for Adults and Kids Book Club, which she has been instrumental in creating in Arlington, and which has brought the Optimist "brand" to this great program focused on increasing reading by Arlington's youth.

The Incoming Arlington Optimist Board

Officers:

President: Mark Whinton

Pres Elect: Brian Kellenberger

VP: Sandy Bushue

VP: JB Whitlow

Secretary: John Farina

Treasurer: Larry Gaydos

Immediate Past Pres: Brig Pari

Directors:

2-yr Term: Greg Clough

2-yr Term: Trish O'Hara

2-yr Term: Dick McHugh

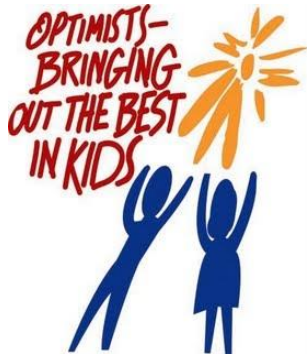
1-yr Term: Bill Swanson

1-yr Term: Richard Knight

1-yr Term: Frank Broome

Speakers Coordinator:

Al Pierce



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Happy September, Arlington Optimists!

Hopefully, everyone enjoyed a terrific summer. With a new school year, a new beginning feel arises in the air as it is also time to ring in our new officers and board! It has been an honor to serve as your President, and I want to thank each and every member of our club for an extraordinary learning opportunity, and for your support in my leadership role within our organization.

We have covered a lot of ground, both old and new, over the past year. We have continued our support of traditional programs such as the Essay and Oratorical Contests, and sports such as baseball, soccer, and the rifle team. We have also become supporters of new activities, such as Math Dice, and the Reading Adventures for Adults and Kids Book Club.

These endeavors have increased our group's exposure to Arlington Public Schools and to the Washington, DC community as a whole. We have received favorable press in the *Washington Post*, and been recognized by the Library of Congress for our efforts in encouraging youths to read.

Our fundraising efforts this year included our ever successful Christmas Tree Sale, and we also reinstated our traditional Golf Tournament.

And, for one last time, I would like to include a Latin quote:

“Seditqui timuit ne non succederet.”

As usual, the first person who sends me a correct translation will receive a prize. Inclosing, our luncheon on September 19, 2012, will be indeed bittersweet for me. Not only is my term as your President concluding, but I will also be resigning my membership from the Arlington Optimist Club as well due to personal reasons. I hope to see you at next Wednesday's luncheon so we can enjoy a very special slide

show, and bid each other farewell in person. Wishing you all health and happiness!

Sincerely,

Brig Pari

Summer Speakers:



Arlington Police Awards 6-06



Olympian Julie Zetlin 7-18



Kate Obenshain 8-01



General Joseph E. Johnston 8-15



Susan Mordan, Library of Congress 9-05