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# The Optimist Monthly

## Friend of Youth

### Upcoming Events

#### MAY

**5/01: Luncheon - "Why My Voice Is Important.."** This luncheon offers the opportunity to hear the winning students of the Arlington Optimist Oratorical Contest. Also, announcement of our first Octagon Club (at W-L HS) [see story below], and the formal induction several new members. Note: **the Pledge of Allegiance will be at 12:00 sharp**, so please come early! WGCC at 12:00.

**5/08: Arlington Optimist Board Meeting.** This meeting will be focused on proposed changes recommended by our Bylaws Committee, chaired by Greg Clough



### April Highlights

**4/03: Luncheon - "Get to Know Your Fellow Optimists"**. This luncheon provided a rare opportunity for our members to share something about themselves. At the luncheon, Conley Ricker made a strong appeal for the Club to consider a contribution, of perhaps \$500, to the USS Arlington Memorial Fund. **See Board Meeting 4/17**, below.

**4/10 - 4/20: Arlington Optimist Oratorical Finals.** On 4/10 and

and led by Bob Patton. Open to all Club members. Madison Community Center starting at 7:00 pm.

**5/15: Luncheon - "Visits to Libya."**

Our own Al Pierce will discuss his personal experiences from 1979 to 1981 designing a museum in Tripoli, Libya, and visiting the Roman city of Leptis Magna. He will also discuss his impressions of the attitudes of Libyans toward Americans then and now. WGCC at 12:15.

**5/22: Cocktail Meet and Greet for Prospective Members.** Please join us and bring a potential member! Willow from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

## **JUNE**

**6/06: Luncheon - "Our Scholarship Kids Excel!"** Whiz Mountain will present this year's Arlington Optimist Club's scholarships. Please join us to recognize these exceptional Arlington high school seniors. WGCC at 12:15.

**6/12: Optimist Board Meeting.**

4/11, respectively, the O'Connell and Swanson Oratorical semi-finals were held; and on 4/18 the six boy and six girl winners competed to produce a boy and girl winner and two boy and two girl runner-ups for Arlington. On 4/20, at the Zone (the five local Optimist Clubs) competition, our first place winners, Dorothee Mulumba and Adam Wilkie (both from Swanson) won first place, and will compete at the District (VA state) finals on May 4. Thank you Richard Knight for your effective management of this essential Optimist International function.

**4/17: Luncheon - "Organizing Your Financial Life."** Our speaker was Steve Cassaday, Founder, President, and CEO of Cassaday and Company of McLean, Virginia, a wealth management firm. He was terrific in his presentation to encourage us all to take a balanced portfolio in or investments going forwards.

Agenda to be announced. Open to all members. Madison Community Center from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

6/19: Luncheon - "What We Accomplished in the 2013 Virginia Legislative Session." Our speaker is our Virginia State Senator Barbara Favola. WGCC at 12:15.

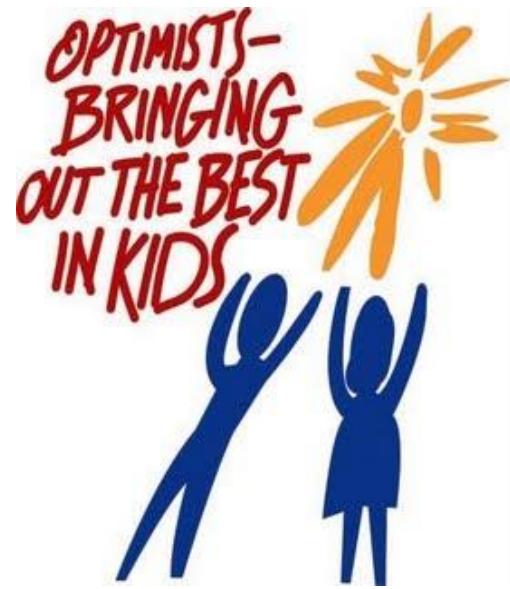
### **Our First Octagon Club!**

During April, our Club's very first JOOI Club, an Octagon Club at Washington-Lee High School has been formed, totally due to the determination and energy of sophomore McKenna O'Donnell, who was 1st runner-up at our 2011 Arlington-wide Oratorical Contest. She will make a short statement at the May 1 luncheon. Below, a photo of McKenna (l) and the W-L High School faculty advisor for the Octagon Club, Mrs. Katrina Reed (r). Thank you, Sandy, for your initial follow-up on McKenna's request.

Thank you, Sue Gartner, for arranging for your friend to speak to us

4/17: Arlington Optimist Board Meeting. A big agenda, including decisions to fund the Optimist Acorn Rifle Team again this year and to encourage Conley Ricker to pursue individual contributions from Club members for the USS Arlington Fund. Since that meeting, Conley has received donations for over \$500 from Board members alone, and \$200 more from other Club members. If you are interested in contributing, please make your check out to "USS Arlington Fund" and send your check to Tricia O'Hara at 2911 S. Columbus St., Arlington, VA 22206.

4/24: Cocktail Meet and Greet for Prospective Members. Our thanks to Tricia O'Hara for making the arrangements with Curious Grape, and for bringing a committed prospective Optimist! You will be able to visit with Whitney Kazragis at our May 1 luncheon.



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