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The Optimist Monthly Friend of Youth

Upcoming Events:

January 2012

1/18 Optimist Luncheon returns to WGCC. The guest speaker will give us a glimpse Inside the Commonwealth

Pari-Scope

Greetings, everyone!
Hope your respective
New Years are off to a
great beginning! Our

Attorney's Office. Ms.
Theo Stamos, Virginia
Commonwealth's
Attorney, was elected in
November 2011, having
served as Deputy
Commonwealth's
Attorney since 2002
under Richard Trodden.
Thank you, Barbara
Nicastro, for inviting your
friend to be the luncheon
speaker.

February

2/1: "The Art of Fine
Gourmet Dining,"
presented by Adnane
Kebaire, Maitre d' of
Marcel's (Zagot's #1 rated
restaurant in
Washington). WGCC.

2/15: Valentine's

Arlington Optimist Club enjoyed avery successful fall that included interesting lunch speakers, a wonderfulTip-Off Classic Basketball **Tournament (thanks** Greg and your terrific team), and a recordbreaking Christmas Tree Sale (hats off to Sandy and JB for all your efforts leading the charge).

All enjoyed our 61st Annual Holiday Luncheon, with Lucy
Bowen MaCauley on
using Dance as
Treatment for
Parkinson's, and her
Program for the kids at
Kenmore Middle
School, WGCC.

Christmas Tree Lot A Success.

Sandy Bushue is preparing a final report, which should be available as soon

Breakfast held at theWashington Golf and Country Club! Our talented Chris Cole provided wonderful holiday tunes on the piano to help create the mood. The **Salvation Army's Major** Steve Morris led us in histhoughtful Invocation and Benediction. Yorktown High School's Madrigal Singers, led by DirectorRoger Oliver,

as the last bills are received. In the meantime, Sandy sends us the following remarks:

"Fortunately, we had good weather which helped with sells and our security guards did a great job in keeping tree burglars away!

delighted everyone with their beautifully arranged acapella performance. Senator **Blanche Lincoln** delivered an inspirational keynote address calling for more collegial political discussions rather than polarizing ones. Yvonne Pover won a **Lifetime Membership** from our Club's traditional drawing. And, in a definitely not over rehearsed

"There are so many people to thank! Stay tuned for the report coming soon!! Thank you everyone!!"

Sandy has called a Christrmas
Tree meeting for next Tuesday,
January 17, at
6:00 pm at
WGCC. She
urges anyone
with suggestions

conclusion, the special breakfast concluded with theentire crowd jingling their individual jingle bell favors, and singing an "Optimistic" variation on "Jingle Bells."

Anyone interested in helping out on our golf tournament tobe held this spring, please contact JB. Planning committee meetings will begin being held in the next few weeks.

for 2012 to attend.

Recent Meeti ng Summaries:

12/07: "A new Era at
Marymount University."
Dr. Matthew D. Shank,
Sixth President of
Marymount Uni verity
gave us a friendly and
informative rundown on
the growth and programs
at the university.
Although nursing is still
the uni verity's top
program (offering BS,
MS, and PhD degrees),
the school continues to

The next Board

Meeting will be held at

11 am on Wednesday,

January 18, in the

Woodrow Wilson

Room at WGCC.

Anyone who would like
to attend may,
although only current

Board Members may

vote.

Thought for the Day:

"Hominemnivosum faciamus"

add programs, including sports management.

Importantly, Dr. Shank asked us to consider inviting Marymount students to be volunteers at some of our upcoming activities, or as mentors to Arlington students. He also suggested faculty members could assist us in essay and oratorical contests. Al Pierce, for inviting your friend to be our speaker. Did you know that there are 3,700 students attending Marymount, about 1/3 of whom are in graduate pro grans?

12/21: Christmas
Breakfast was a great
success again this year.

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

Happy New Year,

Brig Pari

President
Arlington Optimists

A special thanks to Brig for organizing the event. The featured speaker was Senator Blanche Lincoln (D, AR). Thank you, Brig, for inviting Senator Lincoln.

The Yorktown
Madrigals, under the
direction of Roger Oliver,
provided musical
entertainment, as did
Chris Cole with his
"festive" piano
contributions. The
madrigals performed a
special song, written by
Brig Pari, which is
printed below:

To the tune of Jingle Bells:

One more year flew by

In our dear old
Arlington
Optimists are we
Helping kids have fun.

Kicking soccer balls
Watching ACORNs
grow
What fun it is to hear a
speech
And learn how much
kids know. Oh!

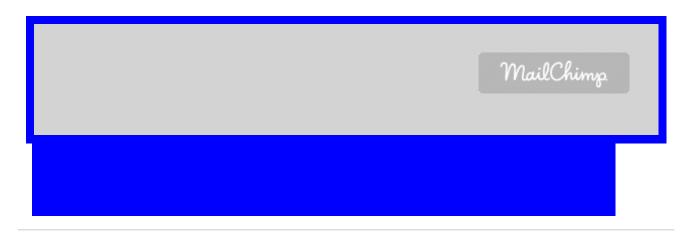
Optimists
Optimists
Selling Christmas
trees
Chippin' in to Babe
Ruth Ball
And youth activities!

Optimists
Optimists
Optimists delight
Helping kids achieve

their dreams
Oh, what a happy
sight!

1/4 Optimist Luncheon at
Thirsty Bernie's
Restaurant, 2163 N.
Glebe Road, Arlington,
22207. The 1/4 luncheon
was our
annual Advertising/Netw
orking Day. Several
prospective members
attended. The food was
excellent, although the
room was a little on the
noisy side.

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