The Optimist Monthly Friend of Youth

Upcoming Events

February

2/04: Kate Roche,
President and CEO of
Arlington Chamber of
Commerce. Thank you
Brian Kellenberger. WGCC
at 12:15.

2/18: Arlington's ProActive Research to help
Youth. Michael Swisher,
Arlington Partnership for
Children, Youth, and
Families. Thank you, Mark
Whitenton. WGCC at 12:15.

2/25: Meet 'n' Greet. At



January

1/07: Networking Day. We enjoyed sharing information not only about our professional lives, but some personal aspects, as well. Thank you, Thirsty Bernie, for again providing us a great venue for our meetings.

1/1/21: Speaker Liz Nohra of Leadership
Arlington. Liz focused her talk on
Leadership Arlington's two-week summer
program for Arlington's rising juniors and
seniors. The program, which has been
providing about 30 of these students each
year with opportunities to meet with

Willow from 5:30 - 7:00.

March

3/04: TBA. WGCC at 12:15.

3/06: Hockey Match

Between Yorktown & W-L.

Our Club supports both
teams and there are many
fans, so come early to the
Kettler Ice Rink in Ballston.

Puck drops at 8:10 pm.

3/18: Essay Contest
Winners. Join us to hear
the thoughts of our
students on "Optimism
Should Be Our Priority."
Thank you, Erica Burson,
for serving as Essay
Contest Chairman for your
13th year! And thank you,
Linda Murphy and Brian
Kellenberger, for assisting
Erica this year! WGCC at
12:15.

Arlington's leaders. Thank you, <u>Brian</u>
<u>Kellenberger</u>, for providing this speaker.



Liz (above), was accompanied by one of her program graduates, Madison Ihrig (below), now a junior at Yorktown HS.

Madison has contacted our Oratorical Contest Chair, Richard Knight, about competing in this year's contest.



New Member

Please make a point of congratulating and getting to know our newest member, Steve Klintberg, who was inducted at the January 21 luncheon.



Steve works for
McEnearney Associates on
Lee Highway. Thank you
Sandy Bushue, for
sponsoring Steve!

Arlington Optimist Club 16-005 Mid-Atlantic Region 3 Capital- Virginia District 16 Northern Virginia Zone 4 Arlington Optimist Club 005 Also at the meeting, the Club presented cash awards in support of four Arlington youth sports: Hockey, Babe Ruth Baseball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Soccer. See photo, at the bottom of this newsletter. Thank you, John Karinshak, for taking such a leadership role in putting this together and championing our support for these Arlington sports groups.





John Karinshak, Amy Puglisi (Youth Hockey), Betsy Cody (Youth Ultimate League Assoc.), Justin Wilt (Soccer), and Mark Whitenton