

November 24, 2015

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The Optimist Monthly

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Upcoming Events

November

11/28: Christmas Tree Sales Begin! Please review your schedule & make sure to read **Sandy Bushue's** emails!



December

12/02: Encore Stage and Studio. Sara Strehle Duke the Executive Director of Encore Stage and Studio, will tell us about this innovative acting workshop for children. Thank you, **Gloria Mora**, for arranging for her to speak to us.



November

11/04: Think You Know the Latest About IRA's? Emily Dupre, Regional Director of MFS Investment Management, gave us an energetic and informative presentation on how to get the most out of this long-time investment tool. Thank you, **Matt Kuhns**, for inviting this expert on such an important topic!



WGCC at 12:15.

12/16: Christmas Breakfast.

Please bring your family and guests who might consider joining the Club to hear the Madrigals and our guest speaker, Drew Hill, Pastor at Memorial Baptist Church.

Thank you, Brian

Kellenberger, for organizing this event again this year.

WGCC from 7:30 - 9:00 am.

Christmas Tree Lot Update

Sandy Bushue provides the following updates:

I have finalized the lot work schedule and emailed it to all members. Again, the lot hours will be M - TH from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Friday from Noon to 8:00 pm; and Sat. and Sun. from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 pm.

Remember, it is your responsibility to find a

11/18: Inter-Service Club Council

Luncheon. Many Optimists came to join members from Arlington's other service clubs and to support our Club's nominees for Woman and Man of the Year, Sandy Bushue and Richard Knight! Both Sandy and Richard were selected by the Board for their outstanding service to our Club and the Arlington youth.



We were very proud to learn that Richard was selected by the ISCC as its 2015 Man of the Year! Congratulations, Richard!!

At the luncheon, several current and past Optimists who received Man and Woman of the Year award came to honor the 75th Anniversary of the ISCC. Those present were Richard Knight (2015); Brig Pari (2013, nominated by the Better Sports Club); Beth Wolfe (2005); Richard Rhoads (2003); Sue Gartner (2000); and John

substitute for your time slot if you are not able to fulfill it. Be sure to let the lot captains know if there is a last-minute problem that will make you late and/or with whom you have changed places.

Construction is now completed on the tree lot, thanks to the efforts of JB Whitlow and a dedicated band of elves.



*Elves Greg Clough, JB Whitlow, John Karinshak, and Conley Richer pause during construction
[Photo by Brian Kellenberger]*

This year, there is a second pod (the "Annex"), seen below arriving under JB's watchful eye.

Karinshak (1996, nominated by Host Lions).



Past winners, John Karinshak, Beth Wolfe, Sue Gartner, and Richard Rhoads.



Richard Knight, Brig Pari, John Karinshak, Sue Gartner, and Richard Rhoads.

Our thanks to Erica Burson for serving as our Club's liaison to the ISCC, and for volunteering your time to help ISCC staff

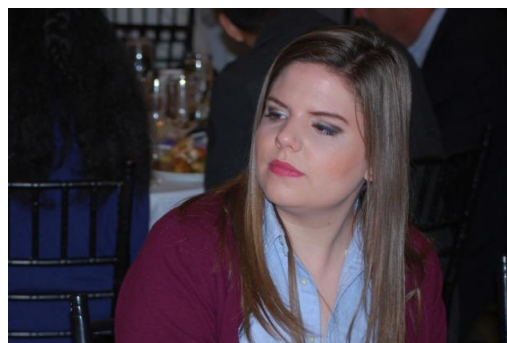


[Photo by Erica Burson]

Today, November 24, the first load of 770 Christmas trees were unloaded. Thank you Richard Knight, for again arranging for the services of the Phoenix House to help. Thanks also to the many Optimists who showed up to help us out: Sue Gartner, Barbara Nicastro, JB Whitlow, John Karinshak, Frank O'Leary, Dick McHugh, Brian Kellenberger, Conley Ricker, Richard Knight, and Peter Wehmann.

The next two truck-loads of trees are scheduled to arrive next Tuesday (Dec. 1), but I

this event. Also, our Club was pleased to host a student from Marymount College, Olivia Pienta. photo below:



11/20-22: JB Whitlow and the Elves Build the lot framing. Many thanks to those who helped JB this past weekend: John Karinshak, Brian Kellenberger, Greg Clough, Ned Thomas, Steve Bouchard, Conley Ricker, Bob Patton, and Erica Burson.

11/24: First load of Christmas Trees Arrive. Thank you Sandy Bushue for all your hard and effective work to find, buy, and schedule these trees. The Phoenix House and Optimists labored to put the almost 800 trees onto their frames, completing the task well before noon. A real selling point this year is that our prices have not been raised from the past

will email you all to confirm.

Larry Gaydos is heading up the Telephone Committee again this year. This group of Optimist volunteers will be calling each of you to remind you of your time slot and record any switches.

This is our 69th year of Christmas tree sales and we hope to break another record this year. I know we can do it!!!!



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several years. Note that this year, the public can have any variety of tree they want, so long as it is a Fraser fir.

Description	Size (feet)	Price	Tag Color
TREES			
White Pine	5'	\$ 30.00	pink
Fraser Fir-table top w/stand		\$ 35.00	
Fraser Fir	5'	\$ 30.00	pink
Fraser Fir	6'	\$ 65.00	blue
Fraser Fir	8'	\$ 80.00	yellow
Fraser Fir	9'	\$ 95.00	white
Fraser Fir	10'	\$ 150.00	green
Fraser Fir	12'	\$ 230.00	light blue
WREATHS & GARLAND			
Wreaths			
Fraser Single, 22 inches		\$ 35.00	
Garland			
White Pine Garland	30' (feet)	\$ 30.00 (\$1/FOOT)	
OTHER			
White House Ornament		\$ 25.00	
Tree Stand - MEDIUM		\$ 40.00	
Tree Stand - LARGE		\$ 65.00	



Various Photos of the Lot's Construction

Photo showing the new Annex Pod and stacked trees on November 24:



Photo of Tree Lot Construction on November 20, featuring JB Whitlow, Brian Kellenberger, and Greg Clough. Photo by Conley Ricker:



Photo of Tree Lot Construction on November 20, featuring Ned Thomas. Photo by Erica Burson:



Photo of Tree Lot Construction on November 24, featuring Steve Bouchard. Photo by Erica Burson:

