August 31, 2016

www.optimistclubofarlingtonva.org

# The Optimist Monthly Friend of Youth

## Upcoming Events

## **September**

9/07: The Iran Nuclear Treaty:
Examining the Process Leading to its Completion. Dr. Andrew Semmel, a particfipant in creating the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, was a member of the National Nuclear Security Administration and other related positions. Thank you, Clayton Depue, for arranging for this speaker.
WGCC at 12:15.

9/21: Protecting Children From
Unwanted Internet Content.

Jere L. Simpson, founder of
KiteWire, Inc., software design
and Co-Founder of Net Pure,
the plug-in product that makes
WiFi networks safe for kids on
any digital device. Thank you,



## **August**

8/03: Arlington -- Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future. Naomi Arlund, a docent at Arlington House, gave an insider's history of Arlington Hall (the Custis-Lee Mansion), which included an update on the \$12.5 million renovation to begin this fall.



Andreas Baltatzis, for inviting this guest speaker. In addition, Matt Kuhns will be installing the 2016-2017 officers and Board of Directors, who will start on October 1. WGCC at 12:15.

## **October**

10/05: My Story. Marie-josee Mulowayi (Dorothee Malumba's mother), will give us an insight into the opportunities that today's Arlington provides for bright and hard-working immigrants. Thank you Mark Whitenton and Sue Gartner, for inviting her. WGCC at 12:15.

10/19: Why Wealth Transfers
Fail. Emily Dupre, Regional VP
for MFS Investment
Management, will again help us
wade through the Federal Tax
Code. Thank you, Matt Kuhns,
for again inviting her. WGCC at
12:15.

Thank you, <u>Mark Whitenton</u>, for inviting Naomi to speak (and perhaps, to join?).

8/17: There was no luncheon scheduled.

OPTIMIST-ACORN ALUM
GINNY THRASHER WINS
FIRST OLYMPIC GOLD
MEDAL IN RIO.



AT 19, Ginny Thrasher is the youngest woman ever to win the first Gold Medal in Olympic history, by besting two-time Olympic Gold Medalist Li Du and setting an Olympic record in the

## **November**

11/02 Update on Arlington

Board. Board member, John

Vihstadt, will give us an update
on the goings on at the

Arlington County Board.

Thank you, Sue Gartner, for
inviting this guest. WGCC at
12:15.

11:16: Interclub Council. TBA

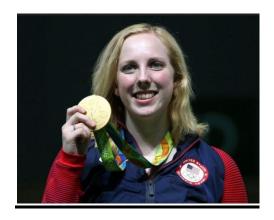
## **Christmas Tree Lot**

thermometer may say 99
degrees, but the Arlington
Optimist Tree Committee had
its first meeting last month.
As you know, we have an
amazing, dedicated group of
Optimists who work to ensure
that our tree lot is a success
every year. They have been on
the Committee for many years.

Mark Whitenton was one of
them, but since his move to the
hinterlands, the long travel

finals of the 10-meter Air-Rifle (.177 Cal.) competition.

Ginny graduated just last summer (2015) from the Optimist-Acorn program -- under the coaching of Optimists Bill Terry and Thrine Kane (herself a member of the US team at the Sydney Olympics). After graduating from West Springfield High School last summer, Ginny is now a rising sophomore at the University of West Virginia (with a full scholarship), helping to propel that school to its position as the number 1 ranked shooting school in the country.



**Congratulations, Ginny!** 

Ginny did not rank as high in the more competitive .22 rifle small-bore competition, where the matches are

distance forced him to retire
(Committee only). However, I
am happy to report that <u>Clayton</u>
<u>Dupre</u> agreed to fill his spot.
Thank you Clayton!

Trees are ordered and PODs are scheduled for delivery.

Barbara Nicastro is preparing to ensure we have great volunteer support again this season and Dick Knight is working on the Arlington County permits. We are getting ready!!

This year we will be celebrating our 70th anniversary Christmas Tree sale project and selling our trees at the same location for 70 years. What a tradition!!!!! If you have any ideas about how we might celebrate, please let me or a tree lot committee person know.

I would like to introduce you to the 2016, 70th Anniversary, Arlington Optimist Tree Committee:

held outdoors. There, Ginny faced a challenging wind on a couple of shots. Her incredibly strong finish at number 11 was just one point away from qualifying for the finals and her chance for a second medal.

Ginny distinguishes herself as the only athlete from a sports team supported by the Arlington Optimist Club ever to win an Olympic Gold Medal.



#### **Tree Lot Captains**

- 1) <u>Greg Clough</u> (Website guru also),
- 2) Brian Kellenberger,
- 3) Clayton Dupre,
- 4) Bob Patton;

#### **Phone Committee**

- 1) Dr. Larry Gaydos;
- **Daily Lot Managers**

#### Daily Lot Managers

- 1) John Karinshak,
- 2) Dick Knight;'

#### **Volunteer Coordinator**

1) Barbara Nicastro;

#### **Lot Construction Engineer**

1) JB Whitlow (All round manager);

#### **Tree Unloading/Permit**

Assurance/Attorney

1) Richard Knight;

#### **Public Relations**

1) Tricia O'Hara.

It is not too early to let me know what your dates and times preferences are.

Let's make this the best year ever!!!!

Sandy Bushue

Arlington Optimist Club 16-005 Mid-Atlantic Region 3 Capital- Virginia District 16Northern Virginia Zone 4 Arlington Optimist Club 005

www.optimistclubofarlingtonva.org