

The Optimist Monthly

Friend of Youth



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8/07: Luncheon- Jennifer Toussaint, Chief Animal Control Officer and Kat Williams, Director of Development Animal Welfare League of Arlington.



In addition to Jennifer Toussaint and return speaker, Kat Williams, we were visited by our Optimist Zone 4 Lt. Governor, Art Jones (photo left). Jennifer, at the right in the photo below, informed us that the Animal Welfare League has worked since 1944 to find compassionate and permanent homes.



Thank you, Shandra Niswander, for arranging for Jennifer and Kat to speak to us.

8/21: There was no Luncheon.

8/28: There was no Meet & Greet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

9/4: Our Speaker is Frank J. DiStefano, author of a new book, "The Next Realignment." This lawyer, political trend-follower and now author is well worth your attendance. For a preview of his talk, you might listen to a recorded version on You Tube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERp28MVLoLA>. He will be happy to sign his book for you if your chose to purchase one. We owe a great thanks to Sue Gartner for lining him up to speak to us. WGCC at 12:15.

9/18: Respect for Law Program: Again this year, this important tribute to Arlington law enforcement will be managed by Shandra Niswander. WGCC at 12:15.

9/26: Annual Thank You for the Coaches. Managed again by Michal Simek, this year's thank you for the coaches of the Arlington teams we support will take the form of a happy hour at the Texas Jack's on Thursday (9/26) from 5:30 to 7:00. Since this meeting takes the place of September's Meet & Greet, please feel free to bring prospective members to help them understand how substantial is the Optimist's support for the youth of Arlington. It promises to be a fun evening. Texas Jack's, 2716 Washington Blvd, from 5:30 to 7:00.

CHRISTMAS LOT UPDATE



A few updates on the tree lot. I am happy to announce that Diane Andrews volunteered to take over the selling of WH ornaments. Dick McHugh has been the Chair of this project for over 10 years. Thank you Diane for volunteering!! Diane and Dick are already working on the transition.

Clayton Depue is going to sit out this season as a daily lot manager. He has already procured new Optimist vests for the volunteers and a new chair for the cashier! Thank you Clayton. I am very happy to report that Jeff Englander has agreed to take over the job. Thank you Jeff!!

We have ordered 2300 trees this year! Due to a late Thanksgiving, we will have a shorter season to sell the trees. The season will probably run right up to December 23. And, I predict we will be very busy!

To that end, note the schedule for slots to work. Please let me know what date and time works best for you.

Note these important dates:

Opening day - Friday, November 29

First unloading tree day - Tuesday, November 26

Lot construction - Friday, November 22.

All Optimists, if able, must work the lot at least 2 shifts.

Shift times are following:

Monday - Thursday: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday: Noon to 8:00 pm (Noon to 4:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

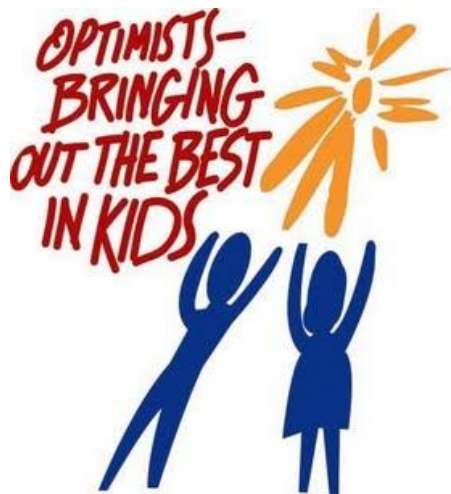
Board Invests Youth Fund Savings. After several months of consideration, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to start investing the substantial sums in the savings accounts of the Youth Club into some instruments that would improve the yield above the pitiful amounts being earned in those savings

accounts. With the able assistance of Greg Clough, the Board has moved a major portion of the savings accounts of the Youth Club -- while leaving a generous amount in the Youth Club savings and checking accounts to meet our obligations for all of our donations and for the tree lot -- into five separate investment opportunities. Three of these opportunities are separately managed real estate investment trusts and two are bond funds. These investments may be modified or cancelled without penalty after one year, so the Club can maintain full flexibility in re-investing the Youth Club funds going forward.

In addition, the Board decided to limit our presence in two of the three banks we have been using over the years and consolidate all of the Youth Fund and General Fund accounts at Wells Fargo, which happens to be the bank that is on the property that we depend on for our tree lot. Gerry Marosek has spent many hours working with the various banks to make this happen.

Mark Whitenton

See Appendix 1, below, for summer photos submitted by your fellow Optimists.



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Appendix 1. Photos of Summer Fun



Andreas Baltatzis submitted this photo of family vacationing in Halkidiki, Greece.



Trisha O'Hara at her "Pretty-Ninth B'day Party" with her granddaughter Brittany and her great-grandkids Harper, Aubrey and Delani.



Shandra Niswander submitted this one, "Karaoke fun at her sister's 40th birthday bash."



Jeff Englander submitted this photo of his two children, James and Sally, with their dog, Gemma, on their vacation on Figure Eight Island.



Mark Zetlin submitted this photo, "Relaxing at my sister's place."



Jeff Englander submitted this photo of the view from their deck on Figure Eight Island.



Sue Gartner submitted these photos from her safari in East Africa. Photo on the left, Sue at lunch with her three grandchildren, Mallory and Mary Gartner and Martin Wilkens. Photo on the right, "Excitement on the Trail."



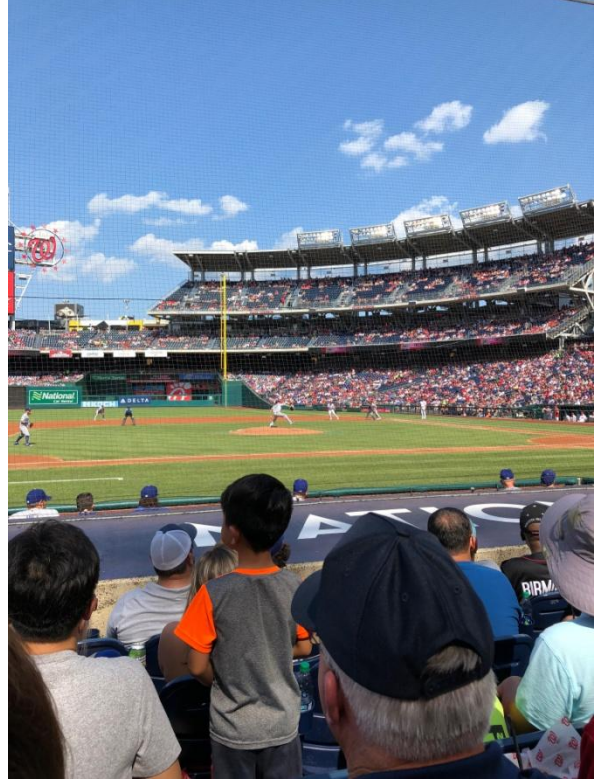
Barbara Nicastro submitted photos of her son, Andrew and his daughter Cora (1) reading the newspaper in Avalon N.J. and granddaughter Michelina (4), "child of the ocean and beach being a mermaid."



Whiz Mountain submitted the photo on the left which he calls "Summer dreams / Chewy and me." Peter Wehmann submitted the photo on the right of his two grandsons, Colin and Taylor at summer camp on Lake Champlain.



Mark Whitenton submitted these photos. On the left are his sons, Brian and John at John's graduation from medical school; and on the right, Debbie and Mark are providing living history entertainment at an annual Rolls Royce picnic in Clifton.



Greg Clough submitted these photos of summer fun. At left, he is playing the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course, while at right, he is watching a Nats game. Not too shabby.