

The Optimist Monthly

Friend of Youth

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Notice: The Governor of Virginia has ordered the closing of many social establishments -- including the Washington Golf & Country Club -- until June 10, subject to revisions based on gradual reopening.

RECENT EVENTS

April

All April Optimist events, including the Oratorical Program, were cancelled.

Scholarship Program: Mark Whitenton reports that this year's Optimist Scholarship program is still going forward. Although the status of this fall's college schedules may be in flux, Arlington high schools will still be graduating their seniors. One appropriate candidate from each of W-L, Yorktown, Wakefield and Bishop O'Connell will be granted a \$5,000 scholarship to be paid to their college toward second semester tuition after the recipients have demonstrated they achieved at least a C+ average for their first semester. Once our regular luncheons are resumed, every effort will be made to have the recipients attend a luncheon to receive their awards in person.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May and the first June luncheons, as well as the May Meet & Greet, have been cancelled until further notice.

New Opportunities for Optimist Learning

Exciting News About A New Online Learning Management System (LMS):

Optimists, please mark your calendar for May 4, 2020. Optimist International will be launching its new online Learning Management System (LMS). This will be a great way for our members to have training readily available to them. Now that most of us are at home during the pandemic, we can take full advantage of this new tool.

Examples of the classes are: Zoom User Guide, Better Selecting and Onboarding Volunteers, 10 Strategies for Success With Digital Fundraising, Bringing Out the Best In Our Clubs, and Youth Sports Safety. There will be many more classes to choose from with a variety of categories.

Advantages of taking these courses include helping our members get to know the O/I people, programs and jobs quickly and efficiently. In addition, the courses will teach a variety of skills that you can also use in your employment or retirement involvements. The training will be tracked and you can offer suggestions to improve the program. Our Club will have access to materials anytime from anywhere.

I will be sending out instructions, by email, in a few days on how to access the site and take full advantage of all it has to offer.

Remaining Optimistic,

Debbie Whitenton, Secretary

Photos of Members in Quarantine



Mark Zetlin "Social Distancing" on a spring day on his Harley.



Chanda Choun working on his beard.



Sally & James Englander studying at home.



Deer family have a meal in Englanders' front yard.



Peter Wehmann and Sue Gartner showing off their fondness for exercise -- without having to use the gym.



Erin Mendenhall displaying safety guidelines at work and upstaging Tidal Basin cherry blossoms at play.



Debbie and Mark Whitenton: "We assembled this gazebo last month, but we wish our friends could enjoy it with us."



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