

The Optimist Monthly

Friend of Youth

March 2021



March

03/03: This luncheon was cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

03/17: Our luncheons at WGCC have resumed!!! Darren Aversa of Edward Jones



spoke to us on his "Investment Outlook and the Economy in 2021". Thank you, Frank O'Leary, for inviting him on short notice to share his views with us.

03: 24: Meet & Greet was held at Texas Jack's with an impressive group of six



Optimists and three guests. During the gathering, Jeff Englander inducted Tim Landis, a colleague of Lola Reinsch. Tim's official sponsor is Gerry Marosek.

(See photo of Tim

and Lola, above, by Peter Wehmann). Also, Greg Cooper, who has applied for membership in our Club and is being sponsored by Sandy Bushue, attended this Meet & Greet. Please bring other prospective members to the next one on April 28.



L to R: Tim Landis, Greg Cooper, Lola Reinsch, Peter Wehmann, Sue Gartner, Jeff Englander, Mark Zetlin, Sandy Bushue and Chanda Choun. (Photo provided by Peter).

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

04/07: Dr. Gerald K. Haines former Chief Historian of the Central Intelligence Agency will present *The Importance of Aerial Observation in Collecting Intelligence.* Dr. Gerald K. Haines served as the CIA's expert on flying saucers. At our luncheon, he will finally reveal the truth on the extra-terrestrials hidden in deep storage in the Pentagon. Thank you, Frank O'Leary, for encouraging him to reschedule again to share his information with us.

04/21: Scott McCaffrey will address the question *Has Arlington Lost Its "Way?"* The "Arlington Way" when first promulgated by the County Board emphasized decision-making that maximized the involvement of the citizenry. Thank you, Frank O'Leary, for inviting Scott, who has always been a special friend to our Club and has always been receptive to Tricia O'Hara's press requests on our behalf.

04/28: Meet & Greet at Texas Jack's. 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Please come to join the event and bring a friend or colleague who might be interested in joining our Club. Most of the new members over the years have joined as a result of first meeting us at the monthly Meet & Greets. Recruitment is key!

Personal Touch to Present our Contributions

Jeff Englander has gone the extra mile to personally deliver this year's Optimist Club donations to several of the Arlington sports team that we support. Below on the left is his presentation of our check to Robin Rodensky of Arlington Girls Softball. Robin has purchased a tree from our lot for the past 18 years and has been supporting Arlington Girls Softball for the past 30 years. In the photo on the right, below, Jeff is with Kendra Riggs of YULA. Ms. Riggs told him that this spring, YULA has registered 200 middle school and over 150 high school students so far! (All photos provided by Jeff Englander).



Jeff also presented our donations personally to Arlington Soccer (photo below left, with Adam Brick and in the cap, our own Michal Simek); and in the photo on the right to Arlington Babe Ruth Baseball, which placed our banner on the outfield fence at Barcroft Field.



President's Message by Jeff Englander

Fellow Optimists,

Spring is here and we are marching forward towards another successful year. Our members are active and engaged in the club. I am very thankful for your participation as we came out from our Covid hibernation and attended the March luncheon and Happy Hour. This month, we welcomed our two newest members. Marta Hill Gray and Tim Landis who were sworn in at our luncheon and Happy Hour respectively. We have another nine prospects in our pipeline. Feel free to

recommend others who believe in supporting our kids of Arlington. These are exciting times for the Club!

Many thanks to our Investment Committee who have reviewed our finances and have recommended investment choices for our funds as well as a formal club investment policy. My sincere thanks to Brian Kellenberger, Gerry Marosek, Greg Clough and Richard Knight for their time and efforts to review our financials and make excellent recommendations.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next luncheon on April 7th!

All the best of health and happiness to you,

Jeff

NOTES:

- Our President has requested that you take a look at the Optimist International's Youth Golf Program, which is included in the Appendix, below.
- Wishing our website designer and member, Bob Bohle, who is moving to Richmond. Fortunately for us, Bob will continue as our website manager until we can find a replacement. Peter Wehmann was able to snag this selfie with Bob before he left town.



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Appendix: Optimist Youth Golf Program

Dear Optimist members.

Many Clubs have had to curtail many of their programs and projects during this past year due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, but we still have one District Project we all can and need to support. Our 2021 District Jr. World Golf tournament is scheduled for May 1st and May 2nd at the Hanover Golf and Country Club in Ashland, Virginia. Boys and Girls ages 10 yrs. – 18 yrs. will have the opportunity to compete for the honor of being one of the top Two Finishers of seven age brackets. The top Two Finishers of each bracket will then have the honor and opportunity to travel and compete in the International OPTIMIST Tournament scheduled for July at the Doral Resort and Spa in Miami, FL. Capital-Virginia District will cover the cost of the registration fee for each contestant which includes room and board while participating in this year's tournament.

PLEASE NOTE this District Project is different from our other scholarship programs in that ZERO dollars are included in the District budget to support this program. All financial support must be raised thru donations from Optimist Clubs, individuals and outside businesses. Clubs/ individuals can support this program in several ways:

1. Provide a Club financial donation and be recognized as a Hole(s) Sponsors ... \$50.00 per hole
2. Sponsor a local youth Golfer by paying their registration fee (\$125.00) to this year's tournament. Simply contact your local High School Golf Coach or Golf Course Pro and have them identify promising young golfer(s) and ask them if they would participate in your District tournament. Registration is completed online.
3. Provide an individual donation and be recognized on our Sponsor Banner displayed proudly at this year's tournament.

All financial donations should be directed to "Capital-Virginia Jr. World Golf" and forwarded to:

Dave Griffiths
2512 Nassau Trce
Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina 27526
703-216-0110

Please see attached Tournament Flyer for additional information. We would appreciate you making this flyer available to your Junior Golf players. The link for this year's tournament is

<https://sites.google.com/site/capvaoptimistgolf/tournament-information>

Thank you for your continued support of the youth.

THE OPTIMIST

International Junior Golf Championships



One of the top premier Junior Golf Tournaments in the world. A unique opportunity for junior golfers from around the globe. The Optimist is unique from all tournaments. Junior golfers and family enjoy golf, parent-child tournament, off-course activities, meals and housing all on one property.

More than 50 qualifying tournaments, Optimists reach out into their own communities to involve children in the game of golf. Each year 5,000 junior golfers, ages 10-18, participate in Optimist sponsored events. The top 700 junior golfers advance to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship each summer.

**For information on
how to register for a
Capital-Virginia District
qualifying event, just
click on the QR Code
to get more information
and to sign up!**



Doral Resort and Spa (Miami, FL) - legendary resort and world-class destination is conveniently 8 miles from Miami International Airport. The prestigious resort boasts four championship golf courses - the legendary Blue Monster, Gold Palm, Red Tiger and Silver Fox.

Nationally ranked by the Junior Golf Scoreboard and Golfweek, World Amateur Golf and included in the AJGA Performance Based Entry Process and attracts over 30 College coaches each year.



Contact the Optimist Junior Golf Office for information on qualifying tournaments in your area.
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