

# The Optimist Monthly

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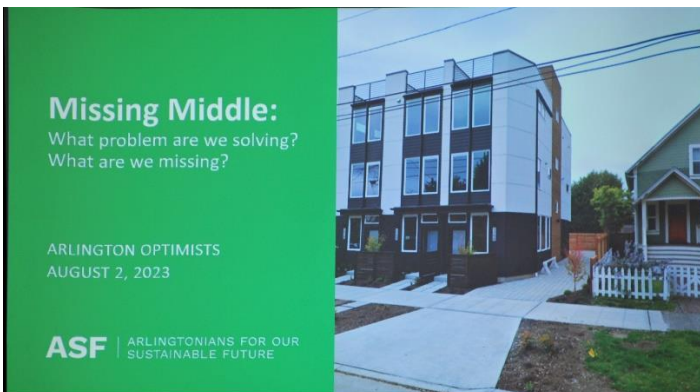
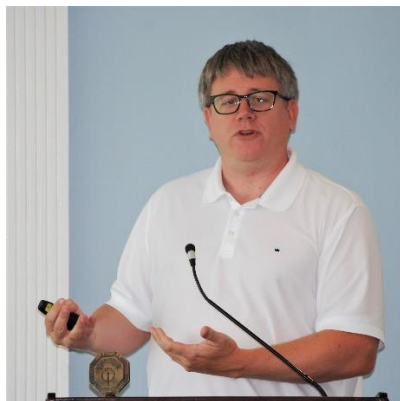
August 24, 2023



## August

**08/02: Missing Middle by Jon Ware of Arlingtonians for Our Sustainable Future.**

Jon presented a data-based analysis of what he believes are the many flaws in



the claims that were the basis of the Arlington County Board's decision to adapt the "Missing Middle" zoning decision to increase family density in existing single-family home areas. Thank you, Frank O'Leary, for inviting Jon to represent the other side of the Missing Middle initiative.

**08/29: Optimist Coaches Night.** 5:30 to 7:00 at the Knights of Columbus. This event is as an opportunity to thank our sports' coaches for their dedicated work and service with our youth!!! Door prizes will be awarded. Thank you, Sandy Bushue for organizing this needed event. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter. [Photos will be included in the September newsletter].

## **September -October**

**09/06: Work Program by Andreas Tobar.** Thank you, **Andreas Baltatzis**, for inviting him. WGCC at 12:15.

**09/20: Arlington Fire Department Update by Chief David Povitz.** Thank you, **Erin Mendenhall**, for inviting him. WGCC at 12:15.

**09/27: Meet & Greet** at Texas Jacks. 5:30 to 7:00.

**10/04: Speaker TBA.** WGCC at 12:15.

**10/18: Respect for Law.** Thank you, **Erin Mendenhall**, for managing this important annual event again this year. WGCC at 12:15.

**10/25: Meet & Greet** at Texas Jacks. 5:30 to 7:00.

## **President's Message** by **Andreas Baltatzis**

Dear Optimists,

We will end summer with a full schedule for September. For those who are not leaving town for the Labor Day weekend, please try to attend our lunch on September 6 with Andreas Tobar, Executive Director of the Shirlington Employment and Education Center (SEEC). Mr. Tobar will be sharing information about the SEEC and its mission to help day laborers find employment in Arlington. I think his message will be especially relevant around Labor Day.



For those on the Board of Directors, we will move the Board of Directors meeting to the second Optimist meeting of the month 9/20 at 11:30 am. We will also have a very important speaker on September 20th, Arlington Fire Department Chief David Povitz, at our regular meeting time of 12:15 pm.

I look forward to discussing our successful Coaches Night (August 29 – see flyer, next page) and sharing stories about our summer vacations on September 6th.

Optimistically yours, Andreas



## Coaches Night

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Happy Hour

RSVP to your Sport's Optimist Liaison

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### Knights of Columbus Club

5115 Little Falls Road

Arlington, Virginia 22207

***The Arlington Optimists would like to  
thank the coaches for their hard work and  
dedication to helping Arlington Youth  
throughout the year!***



Please join us for a happy hour to honor  
and recognize their contributions.

***Don't miss the chance to win great prizes in our raffle drawing!***

### About the Arlington Optimist Club

An organization of men and women in our community concerned with giving youth a better future. Our membership ranges from retirees to young adults establishing their careers. We count small business owners, teachers, bank managers, parents, former elected officials, lawyers, and judges among our membership!



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## **Scout Troop 149 (Sponsored by Our Optimist Club)**

New member, Chris Vargas (far left, in cap), has provided a photo of Scouts and adults heading off to Scout Camp in early July. Chris reports: "We attended Sinoquipe Scout Reservation in Fort Littleton, Pennsylvania. This year, 22 Scouts attended, over 70 merit badges were earned, and much fun was had!"



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## Appendix

Photos submitted for the August newsletter.



Frank and Linda O'Leary at the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.





**Lola Reinsch, Al Pierce and the Reinsch/Pierce/Rose family.**



**Debbie and Mark Whitenton with son and his family.**