



OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING

The Newsletter of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna
June 2019

Calendar

June 1

Farmers Market

Vienna Community Center
8:00 a.m. to noon

June 5

Partners in Education Program and Dr. Sheryl A. Friedley Award

Fairfax American Legion
6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

June 6, 2019

D-Day 75th Anniversary



We honor and thank our Greatest Generation

June 8

Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon

June 12

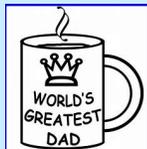
Board Meeting

7:00 pm — Bauers' Home, Vienna

June 15

Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon



June 16

Father's Day!

News and Notes

Our run of meetings dedicated to youth awards and community recognition isn't quite over yet! **June is action-packed** with meetings you do not want to miss!

VP for Youth Mike Fitzella reports on the first up: "Come and join us for our annual **Partners in Education** program on **Wednesday, June 5** at the Fairfax American Legion. This year we will be recognizing members of the Safety & Security staffs at our high schools. These unsung heroes provide tremendous support to our students and community.



School Resource Officers

Focusing on Student Safety

"We will also be making the **first award of our Dr. Sheryl A. Friedley scholarship** for students with intellectual/developmental disabilities. This scholarship was made possible by Sheryl's generous contribution to our club last year. Scholarship committee members **Donna Wohlscheid, Ed Wonder, and Mike Fitzella** have established the guidelines and worked with our schools to find qualified candidates. We look forward to our continued support of this student population."

More Calendar!

June 19

Respect for Law Program and Vocational Scholarship Award

Vienna American Legion Hall
6:45 pm to 9:00 pm

June 22

Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon

June 26

"Fourth Wednesday" dinner delivery
Culmore Teen Center; Team C (Spengler, Captain)

June 29

Farmers Market

8:00 a.m. to noon

On June 19 at the Vienna American Legion our annual **Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Respect for Law Awards** will be presented to local law enforcement officers.



And EVERY SATURDAY THIS MONTH the **Farmers Market** will be open. Please sign up for shifts— we need EVERYONE!



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From the President

Dear Fellow Optimists,

Our Club's Oratorical Contest winners **Mia Goldberg and Adam Rizzoli** were very polished and ready to compete against the other students at the CAPVA District Oratorical Contest held in Richmond. They were definitely in the ballpark to qualify for a medal. It is so inspiring to watch the District Oratorical Contest. The talent from across our district is phenomenal.

The Vienna Optimists Farmers Market is up and running smoothly. Mayor **Laurie DiRocco and Town Council Members Carey Sienicki, Linda Colbert, and Howard Springsteen**, joined **FM manager Michele Wright** and other Optimist members to cut the ribbon to officially open the market on May 11. Please be ready to sign up with your team or when coverage is requested. It is helpful for all of us if you can go through your calendar and sign up way in advance.

Our JOI club celebration was well-attended and it was a JOY to see what our JOI clubs are doing! They are an extension of our club and I was so proud of all the service hours the students are giving back to their schools and community.

Thanks to **Jeff Johnson, Ed Wonder, Mickey Williams, Rich Ordeman, Bruce Lauther, Dick Lippert, Dan Mulville, Tom Bauer and Moi** for holding the Caboose open during ViVa! Vienna. Dick is the caboose shirt sales wizard for the weekend. We were not able to fully staff the caboose for the full three days but we were able to hold it open each day of ViVa! Vienna. Many festival goers took advantage of the chance to see the caboose.

Coming up in June is Partners in Education and the first awarding of the Sheryl A. Friedley Scholarship at Fairfax Legion on June 5. Our annual Respect for Law program and the Vocational Scholarship Award will be held at the Vienna Legion on June 19. These two meetings are double-packed with awards that are bound to impress anyone who wants to make a difference in our community and the lives of students. Bring a friend!

Summer is just around the corner! We still have time to bring in new members before the end of our Optimist year. Roger Doughty invited a couple of prospects to attend the Farmers Market while he is on his shift. Now that is thinking outside the box. Do you have a good idea for bringing in new members? Share them with your fellow members.

Thanks to all of you for giving your time to benefit our youth, our community and our club.

Madame President, Susan

Have you been here? If not, you're missing out!



We are Optimists—we go with the flow. So it doesn't really bother us that the "official" opening and ribbon-cutting for the Farmers Market happened a week after the Opening Day. Nor did we sweat it when the ribbon proved darn tough to cut with those big, just-for-show scissors. Look at these people—they're having fun anyway!



But we do admit the presence of trouble when we have a shortage of Market Volunteers. We need everyone's help to set up, supervise, and take down the Market every Saturday morning from now until the end of October.

Our Market Managers have tried various ways to make volunteering as easy as possible, from shorter shifts to online sign-ups to a team approach to staffing. We need to do our part and participate!



"Working" at the Market is really a misnomer. Other than putting up and taking down the canopy and signs, it mostly involves doing your weekly produce shopping, visiting with friends (both market-goers and fellow Optimists), answering the occasional question, listening to great local musicians, being an ambassador for the Optimist Club, and maybe buying the occasional donut.

So right now, while you are on your computer, go to www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org, and scroll down a little until you see the red tomato next to "FM Volunteers". Click on that and the staffing schedule for the Market will appear. Where

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May 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The Board of Directors of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna met on May 8, 2019, with nine members present (plus one by proxy). Among the items of business conducted were the following:

- Additional expenditures were approved, including: \$1500 for President-Elect Bruce’s attendance at the OI Annual Convention; and \$300 to sponsor the Marshall High School Band’s trip to Pearl Harbor to perform in December 2019 (Past-President Michelle will add \$200 to this in honor of her father-in-law).
- The nominated slate of officers for 2019-20 was approved by the online vote.
- The Club’s website migration from Goozmo is complete. Consolidating email addresses under the “info@” address will save \$140 per year.
- Farmers Market was “officially” opened with a ribbon-cutting attended by Vienna Mayor and Town Council. New rules prohibiting sign placement in the grass go into effect when the Town’s new irrigation system is installed. Two Madison students will be working on Farmers Market media postings.

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Click on a time, enter your first name or click the drop down then select your name.					
Date	Friday: Setup 9:30 PM	Times	1	2	3
Jun 8	Tom Spengler	7:00-9:00	Anna Ryjik	Mary Ennis	
		9:00-11:00	Ann Harrison	Bruce Guy Lauth	
		11:00-1:00	Timothy Buckley	Howard Williams	
Jun 15	Rich Ordeman	7:00-9:00	Gary J Moonan	Ed Wonder	Bruce Guy Lauth
		9:00-11:00	John Andrews	Patricia A Hacker	
		11:00-1:00		Thomas S Fraim	
Jun 22	Anna Ryjik	7:00-9:00	Jeffrey M Johnso	Mary Ennis	Roger Doughty
		9:00-11:00	Kathy J Cutri	Bruce Guy Lauth	Sally O'Connor
		11:00-1:00	Susan Bauer		
Jun 29	Dick Gongaware	7:00-9:00	E29 Gongaware	Dick Gongaware	Dick Gongaware
		9:00-11:00			
		11:00-1:00			
Jul 6	Roger Doughty	7:00-9:00			
		9:00-11:00	Joe Miller	Greta Tosi-Miller	
		11:00-1:00			

A sample of the sign-up page from the website is above. Team Captain names are in the colored rectangles. Multiple people are needed per shift.

you see a gap that you can fill, click on the gray triangle and find your name in the list. Click on that and, BOOM!, you are signed up! Sound too complicated? Call you team captain and she or he will help you out.

Together we can do this, raise lots of money for our Youth Fund, and have some good times along the way!



OPTIMIST CLUB OF GREATER VIENNA Board of Directors 2018-19

President	Susan Bauer
Secretary	Kathy Cutri
Treasurer	Tom Bauer
Immediate Past President	Michele Wright
President Elect	<i>open</i>
Vice President of Community	<i>open</i>
Vice President of Finance	Dick Lippert
Vice President of Media Relations/Webmaster	Gary Moonan
Vice President of Membership	Joe Miller
Vice President of Youth	Mike Fitzella
Director of Community	Bruce Lauther/Anna Ryjik
Director of Social Media	Steven Rabil
Director of Print Media	Bruce Lauther
Director of Membership	Lauren Wagner
Director of Youth	Ed Wonder
Director of Finance	<i>open</i>

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself . . .

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.**
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.**
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.**
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.**
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.**
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.**
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.**
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.**
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.**
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.**

Christian D. Larsen