

Central Fairfax Eagle Eye

By providing hope and positive vision,
Optimists bring out the best in kids.



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Club Receives \$ from Google/iKeepSafe

Thanks to our club's participation and work to make the Digital Literacy Tour a success at Robinson Secondary School, Google, through the iKeepSafe organization, has given our club a \$2,000 grant to help fund our club's internet safety programs. Many thanks to **Scott Rubin**, Google's Senior Manager of Global Communications and Public Policy and to **Marsali Hancock**, President of iKeepSafe. It is expected that Robinson will also receive some funding as well.

Our club provided Robinson's Associate Principal **Rick Mondloch** television and radio public service announcements from the Ad Council that highlight the importance of being careful what you post on the internet. Robinson students will be hearing and seeing them starting the last week of this month.

NOW Night—New Optimists Wanted

At the Board meeting this month, three outstanding people from Robinson Secondary school were approved as new members: **Sarah Engle**, **Rick Mondloch**, and **Kathy Skocik**. At the club's meeting on Tuesday, January 26th, there will be a number of prospective new members coming to learn about the many projects we do to help the children of our community. We also look forward to inducting our newest members that night. Come early and make our new members and guests feel welcome.

Curtis Michel Deploys to Afghanistan

Our thoughts and prayers go with club members **Curtis and Betsy Michel** as Curtis deploys to Afghanistan at the end of this month. Curtis is a Commander in the Naval Reserve and has been deployed to Iraq as well. Once he gets settled, Betsy can give us updates. At the time of writing this newsletter, they were out on a date! ☺



☺ Nuts! We Still Have Nuts!! ☺

Valentine's Day is coming and we still have some fantastic Koeze nuts in our inventory to sell, including the world famous Puddles!! See **page 4** and call **Norm Buchannan**, 703-323-7632 to order.

SafeAssured ID Events

Did you read the Jan 21-27th **Fairfax CONNECTION**? Our next sessions at the Fairfax Police Department are on January 29th and February 26th from 10AM-4PM. Come help us help families with the SafeAssured ID child identification system.



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Fruit and Nut Sales: Your Action is Needed

1. Turn in money if you still have some.
2. Contact your customers (see below)

At the Board meeting, Norm Buchanan said was still waiting on some money and should have a final tally at the next meeting. Norm brought up for discussion a problem with the fruit this year. Some customers complained about the condition of the fruit this year. It was determined that due to weather warmer than usual at time of delivery, the fruit was affected and some spoiled.

The fruit company acknowledges there was a problem and they want to keep us as customers. The company has tentatively offered to refund some of the money. Norm asked those who had received complaints to contact those people and see about a partial refund. He needs this information as soon as possible.

January Birthdays:

15th Art Whitaker

January Anniversaries:

2nd Ralph and Kim Moden

OOPS! Apologies for missing Art and Darlene Whitaker's wedding anniversary on December 23rd



Did we forget anyone? Leave anyone hanging? Brooke Johnson is working to keep our club roster current, and really needs your birthday and anniversary information as soon as possible. Don't make her call you! ☺



Time to Register!

Ready for a Rocky Mountain High vacation and for a great Optimist International convention in Denver, Colorado? **Make reservations now** for July 8-10, 2010. www.optimist.org

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 to 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



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District Meeting in Williamsburg

Optimist International President Mark Shriver, IV will attend our 2nd quarter meeting March 12–14. Also featured will be training and Past Governor Lawson Headley's awards banquet. Let's get as many club members as possible to meet President Shriver. The registration form is on **page 5**.

Board Meeting Highlights on 6 Jan 10

Because of the amount of information, see a condensed version on **page 6**. Note that they are only highlights and that the formal minutes will be approved in February.

The Blackboard

Each month, random items will be posted here. You are welcome to contribute!

- *Did you see the changes on the left? See what you can do to help the committee chairpersons. Then call them!*
- *"You have to develop a positive culture and a colloquial type of atmosphere where the model is: Let's do it, and it doesn't make a difference who gets credit for it." Bill Schoen, CEO of Health Management Associates*
- *"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." Vince Lombardi, coach*

February Attractions:



- 9 – Board Meeting
 - 10 – Pinewood Derby
 - 12 – News Articles Due
 - 14 – Valentine's Day: did you order your nuts??
 - 23 – Dinner meeting (Youth Appreciation/Essay Contest Presentation)
 - 23 – Pack "Blue & Gold Banquet"
 - 26 – SafeAssuredID Event
- Essay winner's name to District

March Attractions:



- TBD – 2011 Board nominating committee meeting
- 9 – Board Meeting
- 12-14 – District meeting @ Williamsburg
- 12 – News articles due
- 23 – Dinner meeting (Respect for Law awards; 2011 Board nominees)
- 23 – Pack meeting



Touch your beloved's heart on an occasion to celebrate



Call Norm 703 323-7632 to order

Decanter of Puddle Gift

Increase the joy of the day with sweet and fine dark chocolate pecan puddles. The exclusive decanter of 19.5 oz. Milk Chocolate Pecan Puddles make a beautiful gift for the ones we love or for the ones we want to say we are thinking of you.



Colossal Cashew - 16 oz. Can

Jumbo roasted cashews delighting your love ones and reflecting on your good taste.



Mixed

Nuts with Macadamias - 16 oz. Can

Classic Mixed Nuts - 16 oz. Can

The finest fancy mixed nuts with macadamias, so convenient, yet so very gourmet.

Fresh and flavorful deluxe mixed nuts perfect gift.



Milk

- 12 oz. Box

Double the delight of your love ones with this milk and dark chocolate candy combo. One taste and they'll appreciate your thoughtfulness.

and Dark Chocolate Pecan Puddles

Colossal Cashew

Milk Chocolate Pecan Puddle - 10 oz. Box





CAPITAL VIRGINIA DISTRICT
SECOND QUARTER MEETING
March 12 – 14, 2010

LEXINGTON HOTEL
George Washington Inn and Conference Center
500 Merrimac Trail / Williamsburg, Virginia 23185
Call: 757-220-1410 / code word: Optimist
www.lgwinn.com

Hotel Registrations No later than March 4, 2010
\$83.00 rate per night plus tax

Registration Date Due <u>March 4, 2010</u>	\$25.00 x _____ = _____
Non-Optimist Guest Registration	Free x _____ = _____
Late or On-site Registration	\$35.00 x _____ = _____
Lunch (No on site lunches guaranteed)	\$18.00 x _____ = _____
Dinner (Entertainment)	\$30.00 x _____ = _____
Total = _____	

Please register on time! Late fees are considerable!!!

Special Meals _____ or vegetarian, if desired, efforts will be made to accommodate.
Handicap Needs for meeting. Please specify _____

Make all checks payable to Capital Virginia District
Mail to Chester Grizzard, 3102 Frederick Ave., Colonial Heights, VA 23834
If you have questions call (804) 526-5955 or email clblgrizz@aol.com
NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED!

Tentative Agenda
Registration Open Friday 7-9 pm, Saturday 8 am -12 pm
Friday: Hospitality Room 7- 1 pm
Executive Board Meeting 8-9 pm
Saturday: General Session 9am-12pm
CCDHH & Training session TBA
Dinner: Past Gov. Lawson's Awards Night
Social 6:30pm / Dinner 7pm
Visitor will be International President Mark Shriver, IV

Member Name _____ Club Name _____

Member/Guest _____ Club Name _____

Mark your calendars District Meeting Dates: June 4-6, August 21-23



Highlights of the
Optimist Club of Central Fairfax
1/12/10 Board Meeting Minutes

NOTE: these are condensed and not approved yet.

- Mantua was not able to do a CCDHH program due to schedule conflicts and the blizzard.
- Cub Scout Pinewood Derby will be held 8:30AM Feb 6th at Daniel's Run Elementary; need 5+ volunteers, for entertaining siblings with crafts during the Derby. Set up at 8:30 a.m. with start time of 9 a.m. Kim will check on craft supplies and check with Ann Scott as well.
- Next District meeting is March 12-14 in Williamsburg.
- Upcoming events: Limburg Scholarship, Youth Appreciation and Essay.
- Cub Scout charter will be renewed. Blue & Gold Banquet is in February.
- Safe Assured ID events will be held in Jan and Feb.
- Tony will appoint a nominating committee to recommend a slate of officers for election in April.
- Respect for Law: Club will honor Sgt. Pam Nevlud, with her supervisor and spouse at the dinner meeting and present Certificates at school assemblies for the Safety Patrols and Crossing Guards.
- Three people from Robinson Secondary school were approved as new members.
- New Club building: Tony has notified the District of the club's intent to build 2 JOOI clubs at Robinson. Dee presented 3 new member applications from Faculty at Robinson associated with the Partners Club (grades 9-12) and Bridges Club (grades 7-8) that we hope will become JOOI clubs. Dee expects one more application. Dee attended a meeting of the Partners Club with 60 members and mentors present. They worked on decorations for tables at the dance they are having on 1/15 and Dee judged the decorations. The group that did Lady Gaga won.
- Fundraising: see article in this newsletter.
- Art will update the club calendar.
- Susan and Mary reviewed the Now Night plans
- It was recommended that special recognition be given to Matt Burke, who gave a \$250 donation to the Club Campaign Fund, and Cynthia Sanchez gave a \$267 donation from the Silpada Jewelry show hosted by Betsy.