Optimistically Speaking
The Newsletter of the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna March 2023

Calendar

March 7
Board meeting
7 p.m.

March 18
Caboose Open
1-5 p.m.
Volunteers needed --
Model Railroad open,
too. Email Dan or sign
up on website.

March 20
International Day of
Happiness

Save the Date:

April 23
Northern Virginia
Special Olympics Track
and Field Events
Episcopal High School
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Timers needed -- see
box below for more info.

April 25
T.R. Cook Youth Awards
of Excellence
Warhawk Hall, James
Madison High School
7:30 p.m.

News and Notes

Town of Vienna treasure,
the beloved T.R. Cook
1929-2022

Thank you, David
Cook, for taking this
wonderful photo of
your dear uncle.

Thank you, Gary
Moonan, for your
wonderful photos of
T.R.'s memorial
speakers. See Tom's
message for more
about T.R.

Serving the youth of greater Vienna for more
than 65 years!
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Greetings Fellow Optimists!

Greetings fellow optimists! Looks like Spring is just around the corner. The daffodils and some trees are already sporting their colors. We get no snow to speak of and California gets a blizzard. Crazy!

I want to thank all of the Optimists who attended the TR Cook memorial service at the Community Center on Friday, the 10th. We had a great showing of club members and, in general, about 50 attended. Speakers included Mayor Colbert, Bob Dix, former Hunter Mill District Supervisor, Kathy Georgen, former Optimist and treasurer of VBA, our own Dan Mulville, Dwight Avis, former president of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce, and Linda Thompson of the Great Falls Optimist Club. There was also a surprise speaker, Don Perry, a business owner who once detailed TR's car. He credits TR with helping him build his business by providing photos for free and counseling on how to make oneself known in the business community. Gary got the last word with his "beware of snakes" joke that TR used to keep people from picking his flowers. TR was one in a million and, as we heard from all the speakers, he has left an indelible mark on Vienna, Great Falls and the Optimist Club. Betty Swartz, his longtime companion, was able to attend with help from Mike in Great Falls who also set up Zoom so TR's sister Jewell and assorted nieces and nephews could view the proceedings. Jewell later gave our club a $1,000 donation in appreciation.

We also conducted our annual Essay contest on the 15th with Dan Irvine leading the way as usual and many of us enjoyed the presentation by the three winners. Our first prize winner was Teresa Huang from Oakton H.S. who received the $1,000 cash award. Many thanks to our Optimist club judges, Bill Comerford, Shawn Dilles, and Roger Doughty.

Our March meeting will be a social so stay tuned for time and place

Optimistically,

Tom

"Think well of all, be patient with all, and try to find the good in all"

- Muhammed Ali
**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*

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**CABOOSE OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE- 2023**

- **SATURDAY, MARCH 18th**: 1 – 5 P.M.
- **SATURDAY, APRIL 15th**: 1 – 5 P.M.
- **SATURDAY, MAY 27th**: **VIVA VIENNA** 1 – 5 P.M.
- **SUNDAY, MAY 28th**: **VIVA VIENNA** 1 – 5 P.M.
- **MONDAY, MAY 29th**: **VIVA VIENNA** 1 – 5 P.M.
- **SATURDAY, JULY 15th**: 1 – 5 P.M.
- **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th**: 1 – 5 P.M.
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th**: 1 – 5 P.M.
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th**: 1 – 5 P.M.
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27th**: **VIENNA HOLIDAY STROLL** 6 – 9 P.M.

You don’t have to be a ferroequinologist to volunteer at the Caboose, but when you welcome visitors onboard, you might meet some! That’s because a ferroequinologist is someone enamored by trains. And with the model railroaders showing off their deluxe train spread nearby at the same time the Caboose is open, both happy railfans and curious new travellers of all ages are sure to swing by. To claim your ticket to volunteer on the dates listed to the left, please visit the website or email Dan Mulville at dmulville1@gmail.com.