

Hometown News Online!

Words of Wisdom...



**"The best preparation
for tomorrow is doing
your best today."**

H. Jackson Brown, Jr. -
Author

Quick Links

[Sylvia's books](#)

[Sylvia's Children](#)

Where In The World Is
Sylvia?



April 23-24 ...
Waretown Spring
Wine Festival,
Waretown, NJ

May 16-20 ...



April 13, 2016

I AM AN OPTIMIST!

Literally, I am a member of the Freehold Sunrise Optimist Club that meets at 7 am every Friday at a Perkins in Freehold, NJ. And, if you have had a bad week there is no better way to get your positivity back than going to this breakfast!

Why am I talking about this? Because, in a weak moment of feeling guilty that I wasn't doing enough, I volunteered to chair the annual Oratorical Contest. This was for students who were 17 and under and there were very strict rules. One week before the deadline, I had one entry. I wasn't very much of an Optimist! By the deadline, I had nine.

We had the contest last Saturday and what a wonderful day it was. Eight of them appeared, gave their five minute speeches, followed the rules and were absolutely amazing. Every last one of them spoke eloquently, with feeling, looked professional and gave the overall impression of success.

This week's quote was what I said to them before the contest. The winner received a \$500 check and goes on to the District, then the State, then the National and then International. Ultimately the winner could get \$25,000 ... certainly a good nest egg for college.

Dahlonega Georgia
for SE Tourism
Program

May 23-25 ...
National Main Street
Conference ...
Milwaukee, WI

May 28-October 29 ...
Farmers' Market ever
Saturday, Aitkin, MN

June 11-12 ... New
Jersey Wine Festival,
Lakewood, NJ

July 17 ... NAHB, San
Antonio, TX

August 10 ... Florida
Festivals and Events
Assn ... Orlando, FL

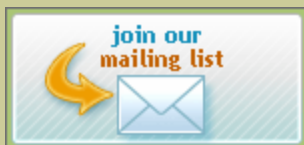
September 10 ...
Brewfest, Aitkin, MN

September 14... Main
Street Ohio

September 28-30 ...
IFEA, Tucson, AZ

October 5-8 ... NRPA,
St. Louis, MO

November 10-22 ...
Christmas in Uganda



I grumbled at the beginning ... today I am thrilled to have had the experience. I might even do it again!



Have an absolutely wonderful day!

Have you bought a copy of my sponsorship book yet and/or DVD? If not, click on the left ... Sylvia's books ... and order. I guarantee if you follow the rules you will increase your sponsorship sales by a minimum of 10% or your money back.

Want a preview? [Click here!](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyR6vOJzxm7UmuelOKN9bNQ>

Sylvia Allen
Allen Consulting, 89 Middletown Road, Holmdel, NJ 07733
732 946 2711/cell 732 241 1144
sylvia@allenconsulting.com