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# Opti - Topics

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**Club meets**
**1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays**
**At 11:45 am**
**Downtown Holiday Inn**
**Huntsville, AL**

## Opening

Over 100 Optimists, JOOI members, parents, and teachers assembled at the Mayfair Church of Christ fellowship hall to recognize some outstanding young people of our community.

## Program

Bob Martin, the Youth Appreciation chair welcomed everyone and called on Jim Berry to give the invocation. Jim read one of Dr. Sydney Sandridge's poems and then led us in prayer. Bob then called on Gay pepper to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob asked President Tom Casteel to talk about our club activities. Tom covered all the major programs and told the group that if they were interested in joining us to talk to one of the members.

We then had a delicious meal catered by "Nothing but Noodles" and arranged by Gay Pepper. While we were eating Peggy Otto played the piano and Fabiani led us in singing our National Anthem and other patriotic songs. For the last song, "Alabama" written by Julia S. Tutwiler, Fabiani asked if anyone knew the song, two young ladies from the Whitesburg JOOI club, Rachel Rezabek and Janie Clasgens, said "We do." Fabiani had them come up and lead the group in singing our state song. They did an excellent job.

**Our business meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Optimist Recreation Center on Oakwood Avenue**

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Our newest member Tim Vander Veer was the Key Note speaker for the evening. His subject was "My Journey from Pessimism to Optimism." The key point was to be a good optimist we need to learn forgiveness, humility, and to listen.

Bob Martin then recognized eleven students from four schools with Youth Appreciation certificates. Bob read flattering accounts of each child.

After Bob, Al Renz recognized the three Essay Contest Winners. He announced that our winner had placed third out of 32 entrants at the District competition.

Then Alberto Duarte recognized the four Oratorical Contest winners.

Fabiani was next, passing out trophies to twenty-nine JOOI club honorees. Fabi then called up Ms. Deborah Ormond and presented her a proclamation from the Optimist International JOOI President congratulating the Randolph Optimist Club for ten years of service. This was the first such certificate awarded to a JOOI club by Optimist International.

Fabiani announced that he had been accepted into the Mercer University Law School to pursue a Juris Doctor Degree, as well as a Master of Divinity. The group congratulated him with loud applause.

Bob Martin then led us in reciting the Optimist Creed.

Our thanks go out to Bob Martin and Gay Pepper and all the other folks that helped for fantastic Youth Appreciation Banquet.  It was impressive.

## Optimistic Quote of the Week

**"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."**

*~Mark Twain*

**Photos**

**View to the Right**

**View to the Center**

**View to the Left**

**Bob Martin Presents certificates to Destiny Blackburn and Mamading Kassama**

**Fabiani Presents Randolph School 10 Year Proclamation to Ms. Deborah Ormond**

# CALENDAR

4/11 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

**TBD – Alberto Duarte**

4/18 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

**Business Meeting - Food – (Alberto Duarte)**

4/25 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

**TBD – Alberto Duarte**

5/2 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

**TBD – Al Renz**

5/6 Monday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ

**Respect for Law Banquet**

5/9 Thursday **No Meeting**

5/16 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

**Business Meeting - Food – (Al Renz)**

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**TO:**

## THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself -

**T**o be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

**T**o talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

**T**o make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

**T**o look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true

**T**o think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

**T**o be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

**T**o forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

**T**o wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

**T**o give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

**T**o be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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