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Club meets

**1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays
At 11:45 am**

**Mullins Restaurant
Huntsville, AL**

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

Opti - Topics

Opening

The Optimist Club of Huntsville met at Mullins Restaurant, today, with eighteen Optimists and three guests in attendance. Our guests were our speaker, her mother, and her physical therapist. Matt Hancock made his second meeting this month, today (see photo section for verification). I assured Matt I wasn't picking on him—we just like to see him.

President George McDonough rang the bell (he said he would hate giving that up when his term in office expires) and asked Rev. Jim Berry to open the meeting in prayer. Rev. Berry's prayer included a remembrance for Margaret Winkler. Bob Martin led those present (and a couple of our waiters) in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Optimist Family News



President George McDonough encouraged all who could make it to attend the Memorial Service for **Margaret Winkler** at Berryhill Funeral Home this coming Saturday (26th) at 11:00 a. m.

We were looking for **Tom Casteel**, today, but he didn't show. I called him after the meeting to check on him. He said his physical therapist has been working him hard, and he had a bad night last night with pain in his repaired knee. He said he definitely plans to be at our picnic next month.

Alberto Duarte had spoken to **Fabiani** by telephone last evening. He reported that he learned during his conversation that Fabiani had received an award from Mercer for being the Outstanding Summer Student at the college.

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Announcements

John Inman announced that he has arranged for the regular **Club meeting on August 14** to be held at Beauregard's Restaurant on Airport Road. Duane Plank has arranged a program for the meeting—Dr. David Copeland will report on two significant achievements made by the Madison County Schools while he was Superintendent.



President George McDonough announced that the Club will again support gathering **school supplies** for needy school children. He requested all Club members to bring their school supplies to either the picnic or to the August 14 Club meeting. He will take care of getting these supplies delivered.



Band Committee Chairman Al Adams reported that he and Clyde Nevins had transferred all of our **band instruments** to Southeastern Musical Services this past Tuesday. Southeastern has stated they should have all of our instruments repaired/refurbished when school starts. We can start picking completed instruments in about a week.



Andrew Driver said he is “headed for jail” on August 28th. He has volunteered to be in lock-up in **support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association**. If he raises \$2,600 in “bail money” before then, they will go easy on him. You can support Andrew by donating money through his web site: <http://www.mda.org/goto/freeandrewdriver>.

Program

President George McDonough asked Andrea Maples, a physical therapist at the pool where he and our speaker are both under her care, to introduce our speaker. George said Andrea's therapy is done with love, and she and our speaker have a special relationship.

Andrea thanked the Club for inviting her back, and said it was a pleasure to introduce our speaker, Martina "Marti" Shores. She said she had been working with Marti for about 1 ½ years, and she was wonderful to work with. Marti has just turned 11 years of age, and has made amazing progress from her therapy sessions in the pool.

Marti spoke to the Club through our PA system, accompanied by a PowerPoint slide show of photos taken by her mother over her lifetime. Marti began by relating how she learned she had Cerebral Palsy when she was 2 years old. Since then she has undergone surgeries and participated in various types of therapies, including hippotherapy, which involves riding a horse to strengthen thigh muscles, and pool therapy, where she overcame her fear of water and became a good swimmer.

Marti said she doesn't let her disability keep her from enjoying life. She enjoys travel, and especially likes her trips to Six Flags (especially the roller coaster) and to beaches of the Gulf Coast. She joked, "Why wouldn't I like the coast with a last name of "Shores." She also enjoys going to sporting events, and said she recently attended her first Huntsville Havoc hockey game.

She has also played baseball in Huntsville's Miracle League program, rides a bicycle (3-wheeler) and enjoys art. She is active in her GA group at the First Baptist Church.

In answer to questions from Club members, she said she is home schooled—mostly because her surgeries prevented her from regular attendance in the classroom. Also, she admitted to being a little spoiled at home, and gets away with things her two older siblings might not. Her dream is to first learn to walk confidently on crutches and then to walk unaided.

Closing

President George McDonough thanked Marti for speaking to us and gave her our traditional speaker's gift of an Optimist Creed printed on a tile. Marti also drew the name for today's door prize. Bill Clarke's name was drawn first, but Bill

missed today's meeting. Ralph Caneer's name was drawn next and he took home the door prize.

In the absence of Dr. Carl Winkler, President George asked Bob Martin to close the meeting by leading us in the reciting the Optimist Creed.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

"Positive anything is better than negative nothing."

~Elbert Hubbard

Calendar

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| 7/31 | NO MEETING
5th Thursday |
| 8/7 | NO MEETING
Replaced by Picnic on Saturday |
| 8/9 | Saturday – 2 pm Ford's Chapel UMC's Pavilion
Annual Picnic |
| 8/14 | Thursday 11:45 am Beauregard's Restaurant on Airport Road
Dr. David Copeland – Madison County School Superintendent |
| 8/21 | Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Duane Plank) |
| 8/28 | Thursday 11:45 am Mullins Restaurant
Blake Dorning – Madison County Sherriff |
| 9/2 | Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting |



Ford's Chapel United Methodist

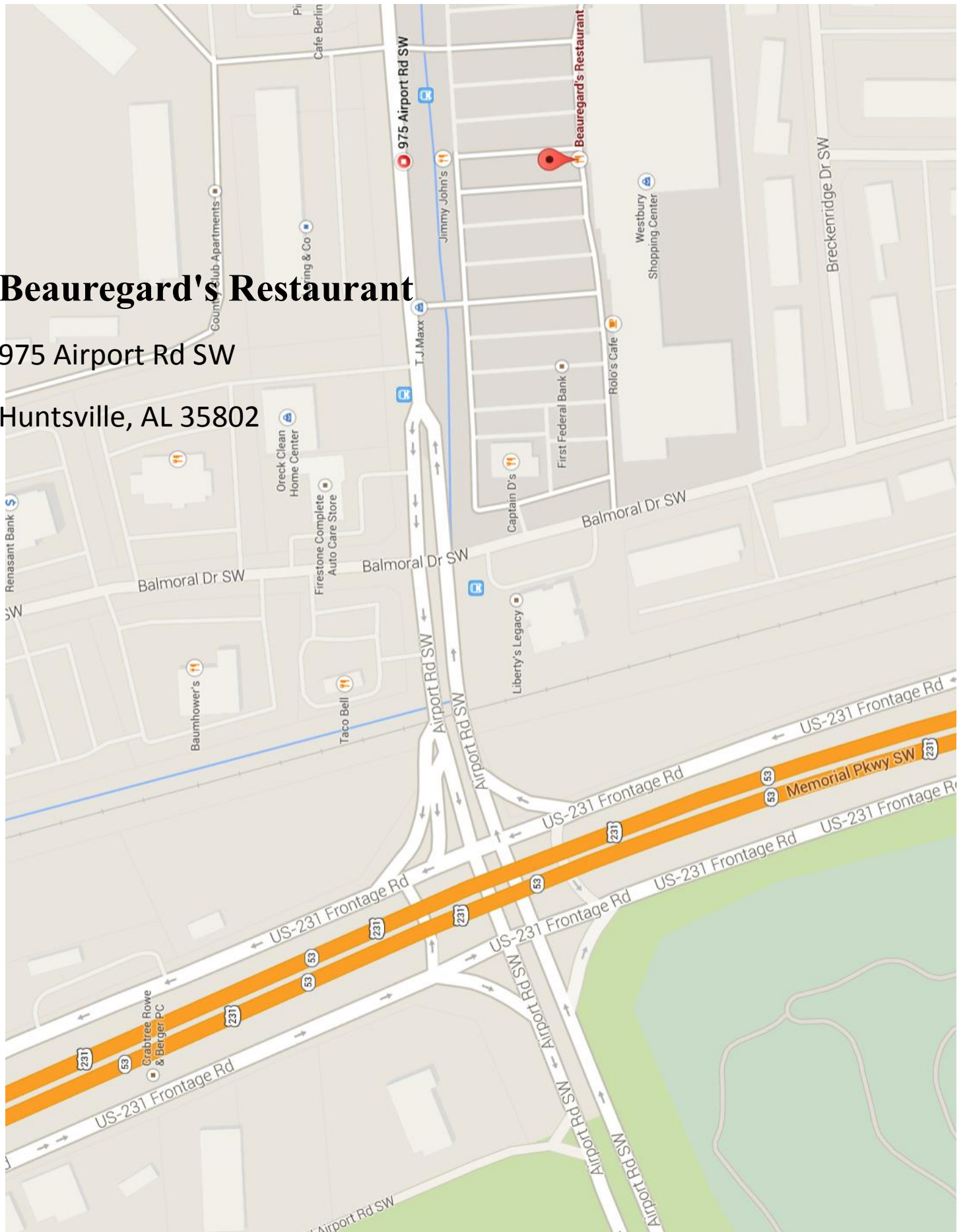
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Our Speaker, Martina "Marti" Shores



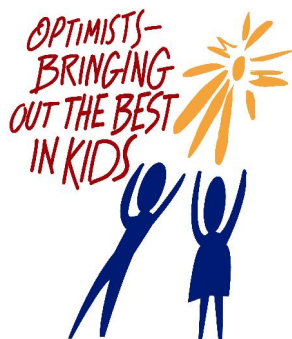
Marti and her Mom, Mrs. Connie Shores



George McDonough with his “pool mate” Marti Shores



Matt Hancock



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TO:

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.

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