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Club meets

1st Thursday

At 6:00 pm

2nd, & 4th Thursdays

At 11:45 am

Mullins Restaurant

Opti - Topics

Tonight's Meeting Mullins Restaurant

Another good turnout for tonight's meeting is-- sixteen Optimists and two guests attended. This number is several above our average for the noon-time meetings, apparently because it allows some members to attend who could not otherwise. The plate lunch menu from Mullins today had a choice of spaghetti or Polish sausage stir-fry over rice plus the usual sides.

Our guests today were: Tom Howell, Immediate Past Governor of the Alabama/Mississippi District, and Pat Lang, Jesse's wife of 56 years.

Opening

President Al Adams asked Dr. Willie Brunetti to bring the opening prayer and lead the Club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Optimist Family News

Gay Pepper reported that she had learned of the death this week of Optimist **George Merritt**, long time Secretary/Treasurer of the Noon Optimist Club in Huntsville. Memorial service details are pending.

Rev. Jim Berry spent two days in Crestwood Hospital last week to get treatment for severe diverticulitis. He was at our meeting tonight, and said was on a soft diet and doing okay.

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

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Announcements



Treasurer Al Renz announced that members that were paying \$120 still have the option to continue paying a one-time \$120 that covers all meals for the quarter, or paying \$35 at the beginning of the quarter and pay only for the meals you eat. Al keeps up with what you order at Mullins, and the Board of Directors has set a fixed price of \$12 for the lunch served at the monthly business meeting.

Kathy Anderson announced that she had signed up our Club to have two convertibles and 20 people to march in the **Veteran's Day Parade**. She asked for the sponsors of our JOOI Clubs to encourage them to participate and be part of the 20 marchers (or more).

Optimists George McDonough and Willie Brunetti are promoting **two conferences that will be of interest to seniors**.



First, on October 8, the Locust Grove Baptist Church in New Market will be hosting a Preparing for Peace, a Community Conversation about the importance of **End of Life Planning**. The event will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p. m., and light refreshments will be provided. Dr. Monica Williams-Murphy, a nationally known author, will speak on the importance of talking honestly and openly about the end of life.

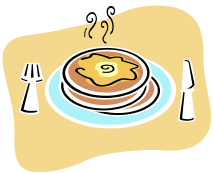


The second event is the Zack Thompson Memorial Conference, a program featuring four speakers on the **“Effective Medication Management for Older Adults.”**

The conference commemorates Zack for his outstanding contributions to the Center for Aging as a member of the Board of Directors.

It will be held at the First Baptist Church's Life Center, Entrance #7, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on October 16, 2015.

If you need more information on these events, George and Willie will be happy to fill you in.



The Noon Optimist Club will be holding a **pancake breakfast** at Applebee's Restaurant on South Parkway. You can buy tickets from Gay Pepper, or at the door.



If you need more than your quota of 10 bags of pecans to sell for the Club's **fall fund raiser**, please sign up for them soon. A sheet was passed around at the meeting for this purpose, but if you weren't there, please make your wishes known by informing George McDonough, chairman of the pecan sale. The pecans will be ordered next week.

Club Awards

President Al Adams announced that our Club had received a **patch for our successful NOW Banquet** which brought in several new members. He read a congratulatory letter from the President of Optimist International, and said we really should have a banner solely for displaying all of the patches we have accumulated. He also thanked Tom Casteel for chairing the committee that made this event so successful.

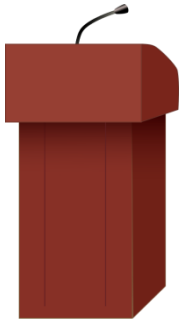
Tom Howell, Immediate Past District Governor rose to make a special announcement to our Club. He said we would not be an Honor Club this year; instead **we were a Distinguished Club**. This is the highest award an Optimist Club can receive. One requirement for winning this award is starting a new Optimist Club, so how did we get the award? Governor Tom reported that without the help of **Tom Casteel**, the new Gulf Coast Optimist Club could not have been started. Tom will receive the Builders of Excellence Award at the next International Convention. He awarded Tom the Governor's Pin. He said he could not express how much Tom's support meant to him as District Governor.

New Member Induction



President Al Adams announced that two new members, Rebecca Billings and Matt Clarke, had been inducted at the Club's Installation Banquet. Tonight, two more new members were inducted: **Dr. Willie Brunetti**, sponsored by Dr. George McDonough, and **Ms. Marilyn King-Jordan**, sponsored by Tom Casteel. Each sponsor gave a few minutes to introduce how his new member had come to be an Optimist.

President's Minute



President Al Adams **thanked the Club** for the successful accomplishments last year. "We did the steps." He said, that made us an Honor Club, and being a Distinguished Club was icing on the cake. He said he very much appreciated the \$100 donated to the Alabama A & M University Band program and the framed picture of jazz greats that were presented to him at the Installation Banquet. He thanked the Club, also, for having the confidence in him to lead the Club for a second year.

Al passed out sheets to each attendee which itemized his **8 major goals for the coming year**. He would like to see better attendance at Club meetings, but also more participation in District Meetings, and the International Convention in Canada next year. The next District Meeting is in Southaven, MS, about a 3-hour drive—it's just south of Memphis.

Closing

There was no one to present our customary speaker's tile to, so the meeting ended with Pat Lang drawing for our attendance prize. It took a while, and she definitely proved that new members' names are in the box. First was Dr. Alex Chu, then Matt Hancock, Joyce Brown, Rebecca Billings and Ora Williams before Alberto Duarte finally won (half) the cash.

Tom Casteel led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to end the meeting.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

~Henry Ford

CALENDAR

10/6 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.

Board Meeting

10/8 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin's Restaurant

Richard Reynolds – Principal, Huntsville Achievement School

10/15 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food – (Alberto Duarte)

10/29 Thursday

NO MEETING – 5th Thursday

11/3 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.

Board Meeting

11/5 Thursday 6:00 pm Mullin's Restaurant

TBD –

11/12 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin's Restaurant

TBD –

11/19 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food – (TBD)



President Al Pins on Marilyn's Membership Pin

- PHOTOS -



Governor's Pin



President Al Pins on Willie's Membership Pin



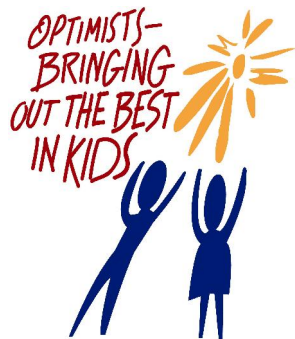
President Al Installing Two New Members



Tom Howell Announces Our Distinguished Club Status



Tom Casteel Holds the PGI Form Showing He Has Reached Level 10 with the New Club



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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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