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Club meets

1st Thursday

At 6:00 pm

2nd, & 4th Thursdays

At 11:45 am



88 Buffet

Opti - Topics

Today's Meeting at 88 Buffet Restaurant

I think we set a 63-year record tonight when only 9 members attended our meeting at 88 Buffet. Those who couldn't make it missed a wonderful presentation, which I will detail later.

Opening

President Al asked Alberto to ask the blessing and then President Al led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. They forgot to turn on the heat for the room and it was a little cool, but because of that, we didn't get charged the usual \$30 room fee. The food and service was excellent and I lucked out and got a parking place just 12 cars from the restaurant. Sorry you missed that one Clyde. Most people probably won't agree, but they had two of my favorite's available,  fried frog legs and fried squid (also known as calamari). 

Announcements

President Al announced that our booth at the **iRegister 2016 Fair** was very successful. We had a lot of interest and even had one person sign a membership form. She is Charlene Tucker-Higgins, a stay at home Mom. He also reminded us that we have two functions Saturday, the Oratorical Contest and the Kite Festival. Alberto said that the Oratorical Contest will start at 9 at Cooper House, but we need to get there by 8:30 to set up.

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

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Tom Casteel said that the Kite Festival will be at John Hunt Park on Airport Road from 11-3 in and around the JC building and he needs a lot of help. I announced that we had received a thank you letter from Harvest Youth Group for their Community Service Grant.

Program



We had 2 guests this evening from the Hawthorne Music Conservatory. Tiffany Martin, Director and Ashlyn Jones, Administrative Assistant. Alberto introduced them and then presented Tiffany with \$1,835, the net results of our pancake breakfast. He also thanked her for all the students who performed at the breakfast. They did an outstanding job. Tiffany said that she is very proud of their progress and that she expects many of them to move on to greater achievements in the music field. Tiffany's presentation contained the following information:

This is our 20th year of operation. The Hawthorne Conservatory offers quality and uncompromising music and integrated arts education to students ages 3 – adults. Our campus now includes The Historic Freeman House and the newly renovated "Master's Academy" building, both located on Lincoln Street. We serve approx. 93 students on our campus and within the community, including at-risk youth, special needs and adopted and foster children. Approximately 50% of these students are on full or partial scholarship. There are currently 18 staff members.

With "The Creator as a common core", we aim to cultivate hearts of worship, set firm foundations for mastery of skill and development and a platform on which Christ's reputation can be exalted. Day & evening programs include private and group music, dance and visual arts classes, and specialty classes like science in music theory, songwriting and sound recording.

In the upcoming years, we look forward to offering much needed supplemental classes, like handwriting, and extending our reach to even more at risk youth within our community and abroad. With the help of strong community partnerships, we will be sowing, growing and thriving in The Arts for The Master (Psalm 1:2-3). Thanks to The Optimist Club, we are well on our way!

Hawthorne Happenings...

March 17 ~ Hawthorne Conservatory hosts The Young Music Masters Class at The Freeman House At 6 pm-7:15 pm. This class will feature 9 of our most promising vocalists, violinists and pianists.

April 16 ~ **Faith in Color** *with Sara Beth Fair*

One Day Workshop ~ Saturday, April 16, 2016 9am - 4pm | \$95 | The Cooper House, 405 Randolph Ave.

Understand the properties of color, how to see color, mix color, make your colors more beautiful & how light affects color. Supplies provided (oil), handout & worksheets No experience necessary Bring a bag lunch | Snacks and drinks provided

*(All proceeds benefit The **Master's** Academy at Hawthorne)* Appropriate for painters, decorators, gardener, designers & anyone who wants to see, use & better understand Color!

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Psalm 19:1

April 21 ~ The Master's Academy at Hawthorne presents "Road of Freedom", an original musical production. Lincoln Academy Auditorium at 6:30pm - 8pm. Donations accepted in support of Dominican Republic Missions. Phone: 256-534-1255

Register by email: hawthorneconservatory@centralpresb.org

May 16, 17 & 19 ~ Spring Recitals at 6 pm, featuring our sprouting, budding, blooming and young masters of music students. Central Presbyterian Church Sanctuary (Monday & Tuesday, May 16 & 17). Cooper House (Thursday, May 19).

Their long term goals include the development of a recording studio with full capabilities and to develop additional artistic capabilities such as creating and performing plays and musicals.

Bob Martin asked if they still have the intent to develop a ceramic program, and Tiffany said that it is still in their “to do” list.

In closing Tiffany thanked us for our many years of support and hoped that we would continue to work with them in the future.

Closing

After President Al presented Ashlyn with a Creed tile (Tiffany already has one), Tiffany then drew Alberto’s name for the attendance prize (again?). Al then called on Dr. Clarke to lead us in reciting our Creed.

Substitute Editor

Al Reng

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.”

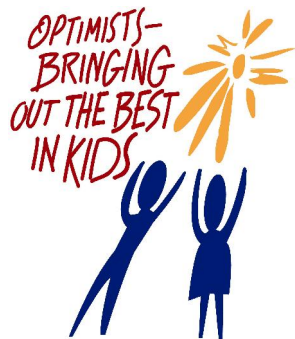
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CALENDAR

3/10	Thursday 11:45 am	88 Buffet
	Alberto Duarte – TBD	
3/17	Thursday 11:45 am	
	Optimist Recreation Center	
	Business Meeting - Food – (Alberto Duarte)	
3/24	Thursday 11:45 am	88 Buffet
	Alberto Duarte – TBD	
3/31	Thursday	NO MEETING – 5th THURSDAY



Left: - Ashlyn Jones; Right: Tiffany Martin



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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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