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Club meets

1st Thursday

At 6:00 pm

2nd, & 4th Thursdays

At 11:45 am

88 Buffet

Opti - Topics

July – 1st Noon Meeting

Twelve Optimists gathered at the 88 Buffet today for our noon meeting. We were pleased to have Pat Lang and Kelly Bullard (Jim Berry's granddaughter) with us as guests today.

Opening

President Al called on Charlene Tucker-Higgins to bring the opening prayer, and Al led the Club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

President Al asked Richie Myers and Daniel Horton to come forward to install Daniel as our newest member. Richie gave a brief biography and Al performed the installation ceremony and presented Daniel his membership certificate and pin. Welcome Daniel.

Announcements



President Al reminded everyone about the **Huntsville Council of PTAs Summer Leadership Training** on Saturday, July 23rd. This event will be held at the Academy for Academics and Arts school on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We will have a booth set up. Please contact Charlene at 256-694-6932 or at higgins247@comcast.net if you can participate.

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

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We will also have a booth at the **Community Awareness for Youth** (CAFY) event at the Jaycees Building on July 30th from 10 a.m. to 3 p. m. These events are both well suited to get our Club's name out, and will be used for recruiting new members and promoting our Youth Activities. Clyde Nevins is the contact for this event.

Program

Jim Roe introduced our speaker for the day, Tom Brocher, Outreach Chair for LearningQUEST, an all-volunteer organization offering lifelong learning educational and enrichment programs for adults of all ages.

LearningQUEST is based in Huntsville and has about 250 members.

Tom stated that he had won an Optimist Oratorical contest as a teenager in Florida. He said that he still has the medal. He also said that he heard about our Band Instrument program and appreciates that we are providing young people the ability to participate in music education.

LearningQUEST has two semesters a year, a Spring semester (January – June) and a Fall semester (January – June). There are approximately 55 courses each semester, some meet 1 time, some 4 times. Classes are held on weekdays during the daytime.

Membership in LearningQUEST is \$10 a year plus a \$25 course fee each semester. You may as many courses as you desire each semester as long as space is available.

LearningQUEST has three functions:

Education

There are a large variety of courses offered, crafts, languages, cooking, history, art, etc. Check out the catalog on line or attend Rally Day to obtain a hard copy.

Excursions

Excursions are usually day trips to local venues, although sometimes there might be an overnight trip. These events are self supporting.

Social

While the main emphasis is on education we do have some social events. There is an annual picnic and Rally Day. Rally Day is held at the First Baptist Church Life Center, St. Clair entrance #7, Tuesday, July 26, 2016, 9:30-11:30

A catalog is always available at:

<http://lquest.org/wp-content/uploads/programs/Catalog.pdf>

Question and Answer Session:

Q: Alberto asked “Are there any age limitations?”

A: No, however due to the time of day the classes are held, attendees are usually retired people.

Q: Marylyn asked “What are the requirements for teaching a course?”

A: There are no real requirements. If one has knowledge of a subject that might be interesting to the public would be the only requirement.

Q: Alberto asked “How many members does LearningQUEST have?”

A: 200 to 300 members.

Closing

President Al Adams gave our speaker a tile coaster with the Optimist Creed on it then asked him to draw for the attendance prize. Dr. Bill Clarke won on the first draw.

Alberto Duarte led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

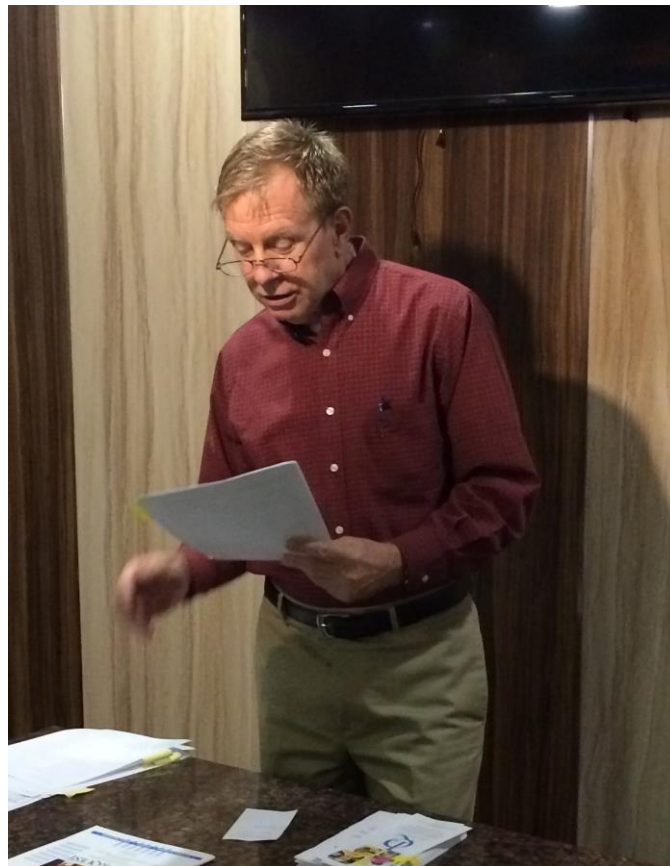
Tom Casteel

Cub Reporter

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“There is nothing new under the sun, but there are lots of old things we don’t know.”

~ Ambrose Bierce



Our speaker, Tom Brocher

CALENDAR

- 7/21 Thursday **11:45 am**
Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Jim Roe)
- 7/28 Thursday **11:45 am** 88 Buffet
TBD – Jim Roe
- 8/2 Tuesday **4:00 pm**
1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting
- 8/4 Thursday **6:00 pm** 88 Buffet
Fran Fluhler – Manna House
- 8/11 Thursday **11:45 am** 88 Buffet
Angela Walker – Huntsville Community Drumline
- 8/18 Thursday **11:45 am**
Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Tom Casteel)
- 8/25 Thursday **11:45 am** 88 Buffet
Kathy Miller – United Way
- 9/1 Thursday **6:00 pm** 88 Buffet
George McDonough– TBD
- 9/6 Tuesday **4:00 pm**
1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting

Website: hsvoptimists.org

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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