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Opti - Topics

July Business Meeting



Thirteen Optimists assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for our regularly scheduled business meeting for the month. We also had one guest: Alexis Battie, daughter of V.P. Eureka. I think Gay Pepper arranged the lunch today; anyway, we enjoyed turkey or barbeque pork sandwiches with sides of potato salad, baked beans and coleslaw plus a choice of lemon or chocolate meringue pie.

Opening

President Vastell Williams welcomed everyone to the Club's monthly business meeting. Jesse Lang brought the opening prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Optimist Family News

Alberto Duarte just returned from a quick trip to Medellin, Colombia, where he represented Marshall Space Flight Center in the biennial Colombia Air Show. He was one of 9 speakers at the show, which featured flights of American, Brazilian and Colombian jet fighters. He remarked that Colombians love the U. S. and NASA.



Club meets
1st Thursday
At 6:00 p.m. at Blue
Plate Café

3rd & 4th Thursdays
At 11:45 a.m.
Optimist Recreational
Center

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Announcements



Clyde Nevins reminded everyone of our Club's participation in the **CAFY** (Community Awareness for Youth) **Back-to-School event** on Saturday, July 29, at the Jaycee Building on Airport Road. We will have a table set up to distribute our Club brochures and maybe some of those balsawood gliders we give away at the annual Kite Festival. Our Club will also donate a school backpack to be given away at the event. Call Clyde if you can volunteer for part of the day. The event starts at 9:00 a.m. and concludes around 2:00 p. m.



Eureka Battie is coordinating our Club's participation in the **P.T.A. Summer Leadership Training** event this Saturday (July 22) at the Academy for Arts and Academics. This event is also from 9:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. Alberto will be helping her, but more volunteers will be welcome. Our table will give out brochures that promote our Club's several youth projects and programs to the P.T.A. representatives that attend.



President Vastell announced that the Club will again be collecting school supplies for Morris School this year. We have done this for several years, and the supplies are enthusiastically welcomed. **Bring school supplies for elementary school kids beginning at our next Club meeting.**

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer Al Renz distributed his financial report for the 8 months ending June 30, 2017. He remarked “there was not a whole lot of activity” during the month, with the net gain (revenue less expenses) for the month down around \$100 from the end of May. Al said the “bad news” was that we did not receive the \$150 monthly payment owed the Club by Jeff Klimek. The Club’s board decided to withhold any legal action until next month, on the possibility of the payment being lost or delayed in the mail. New expenses for Youth Activities expenses consisted mainly of awards for the band instrument program. The Club’s bank balance at the end of April was \$10,174.26. When the receivables from the foundation and outstanding meals are added, the Club has a Potential Cash Position of \$13,070.42.

Committee Reports



Band Committee Chairman Tom Casteel reported that the band program is preparing for the start of school next month. Over 100 of our 193 instruments have been cleaned and refurbished and are now back in our storage facility. Tom said he recently bought 6 new instruments at bargain prices. SE Music still has 68 instruments (mostly clarinets), and these are due back soon. Chapman School has already received an early delivery of 31 instruments.



Gay Pepper reported that plans for the **Youth Appreciation Banquet** are not completely fixed. The tentative date for the banquet has been set for Thursday, September 7, and Alberto has reserved the Cooper House if the committee elects to have the banquet there. Probable invitees include our Oratorical and Essay contest winners plus the monthly CAFY award winners from this past year.



Tom Casteel reported on the plans for the Club’s **70th Anniversary Celebration/Officer Installation Banquet**.

The date for the banquet has been set as the last Thursday in September. He and Alfred Adams are currently on the committee, and he asked for volunteers help finalize the plans. Alberto and Vastell volunteered. Tom said the invitees will include local City officials as well as the

Optimist AL/MS Governor, and maybe someone from the International President's office. A place for the banquet has not been set, but it was the consensus that it should be a "classy" place such as a hotel or the Huntsville Country Club.



Eureka Battie reported that the **JOI Club Committee** has been activated and has lined up plans to increase our number of JOI Clubs this year. Clubs at Grace Lutheran Middle School, Grace Lutheran High School and Randolph are "in the bag." Target schools for new JOI Clubs are Chapman Middle School, Whitesburg Middle School, Madison Academy, Columbia High School, May Jemison High School and Hazel Green High School.

New Business



Vastell Williams announced that the Club's Board of Directors had approved setting up a **tour of the Huntsville Achievement School** now in the former Westlawn Middle School building. Alfred Adams is also coordinating this with all the Clubs in Zone 3. The object of the tour is to see if there is a way our Club can help the school with its programs for kids with learning disabilities, possibly with a monetary grant for a specific need.

Huntsville Optimist Foundation Report



Foundation President Alberto Duarte reported on the assets of the Foundation as of July 17, 2017. Assets managed by Regions are now valued at \$908,392. Assets managed by Synovus are valued at \$161,570. The total Foundation assets are now \$1,069,962, about the same as last month even though the Club withdrew \$10,000.

Closing

President Vastell led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning”

~ Plato

CALENDAR

- 7/27 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
TBD- Charlene Higgins
- 8/1 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting
- 8/3 Thursday 6:00 pm Blue Plate Cafe
**Teri Mitchell - > Advanced Manufacturing/Greenpower,
Cyber Security Challenger Middle School**
- 8/17 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Tom Casteel)
- 8/24 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
TBD- Tom Casteel
- 9/5 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.

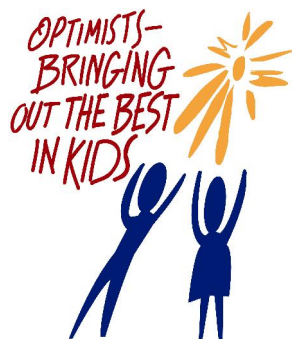
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

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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