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Opti - Topics

September Business Meeting

Twelve Optimists assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for our regularly scheduled business meeting for the month. Gay Pepper and Eureka Battie collaborated on lunch today. Gay brought Krystal hamburgers, cheeseburgers and fries; Eureka furnished a tossed salad, assorted cakes and drinks. We had two guests today, both potential members. Jim Berry's guest was Jack Burwell, an attorney with an office in Five Points, and Eureka Battie's guest was Iesha Wyatt. Iesha is with the Alabama A & M Community Development Corps.

Opening

Lame duck President Vastell Williams welcomed everyone to the Club's monthly business meeting, and had our guests introduced. Rev. Jim Berry brought the opening prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements



The **first Club meeting in October**, our regularly scheduled evening meeting for the month, **will be at the Huntsville Country Club**. This will be a much more convenient place to get to in the evening rush hour. The meal cost, with salad, drink, dessert and gratuity will be \$21.

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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Eureka Battie announced she has worked a deal with the **South Huntsville Club**. They will sell Pecans for our Club, and we will sell **Car Wash tickets** for their Club. The Car Wash tickets are good at Lee's Car Wash on the Parkway and sell for \$10. That's a saving of \$5 over the normal \$15 charge.



Treasurer's Report



Treasurer Al Renz distributed his financial report for the 11 months ending August 31, 2017. Highlights from his report were:

- In the month of August the Club's revenue was \$1,362 coming from dues and payment for meals.
- August expenses were about \$500 comprised of expenses for speakers at Club meetings and travel for President Elect Eureka Battie to the District Meeting.
- The Club received a check for \$450 from Jeff Klimek in payment for 3 months of his debt. Two monthly payments had been missed, prompting a reminder to him through our attorney.
- There were the normal Youth Activities expenses for the band instrument program, now totaling \$16,477.49 for the first 11 months. The cost of purchasing 50 more band instruments last month does not show up on the Club's accounting, as it was paid directly by the Huntsville Optimist Foundation.
- The Club's bank balance at the end of July was \$11,130.55, and with outstanding receivables our potential cash position is \$15,340.70.



Treasurer Al Renz next presented the proposed **budget for the Club** for the next fiscal year, beginning October 1. He reported that the budget was very similar to the budget for prior years. The budget had been approved by the Club's Board of Directors, and thus did not require a motion for adoption.

President Vastell asked if there was any discussion. There being none, he asked for a vote to adopt the budget as presented. The motion carried

Committee Reports



Pecan Sale Chairman Alfred Adams said he needs responses from about 10 Club members on how many bags (10, or more) of pecans he should order for them. He also reported that he will order two cases of mixed nuts which can be substituted for part of your pecan order. Please call or e-mail Alfred right away. He plans to send off the order by this Sunday.



70th Anniversary Banquet Committee Chairman Tom Casteel, reported that about 30 had signed up to attend the banquet. Two widows of past presidents, Betty Kellogg and Gladys Sandridge will be there. Dr. Carl Winkler, our Club's oldest Optimist (joined January 1, 1956) may attend. The Optimist District Governor will be here, and Kenny Anderson from the Mayor's Office is scheduled to present a resolution from the Mayor honoring the Club for its 70 years of service to Huntsville. **Tom needs your reservation by Friday, Sept. 22! Call or e-mail him.**



Alberto Duarte reported that the **JOI Club Committee** has contacted three JOI Clubs, two at Grace Lutheran School and one at Randolph High School to schedule officer installations. The first installation will be for the Grace Lutheran High School on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 1:00 p. m. at the school. You are invited! He has also contacted Whitesburg School, where we had a Club in the past. They have not been able to find a teacher to be the faculty sponsor. Alfred Adams reported that Hazel Green High School had 15 attend their JOI Club meeting last month.

Old Business



President Elect Eureka Battie announced that all 12 months had been taken for being Program Chairperson for the month next year. She said, however, that those who are responsible wouldn't mind your helping out with speakers or food.

Also, there are a few openings left in the Club's committees for next year. The Club needs a **CAFY Representative** and helping with the newsletter are two of them. Check with Eureka on how you can serve in the Club.

New Business

Alberto Duarte reported that he has set the dates for the Essay and Oratorical Contests and has sent out a flyer. Also, he announced that the Club's annual pancake breakfast will be on the 2nd Saturday in February at the Cooper House.

Huntsville Optimist Foundation Report



Foundation President Alberto Duarte reported on the assets of the Foundation as of Sept. 20, 2017. Assets managed by Regions are now valued at \$899,685. Assets managed by Synovus are valued at \$163,274. This is just slightly lower than last month, even after a \$15,000 reimbursement to the Club.

Alberto said the Foundation is still doing very well!

Zone Update



Alfred Adams reported that he had only two more weeks to be the Zone Lt. Governor. He said he had learned a lot and had enjoyed it. Tom Howell from the Huntsville Evening Club will be the Lt. Governor next year.

Closing

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

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

~ Aristotle

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**President Elect Eureka Battie
With Her Guest Iesha Wyatt**



Jim Berry with his guest Jack Burwell

CALENDAR

- 9/28 Thursday 6:30 pm Huntsville Country Club
Officer Installation and 70th Anniversary Celebration
- 10/3 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting
- 10/5 Thursday 6:00 pm Huntsville Country Club
TBD - TBD
- 10/19 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (TBD)
- 10/26 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
TBD - TBD
- 11/2 Thursday 6:00 pm Huntsville Country Club
TBD - TBD
- 11/5 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting



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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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