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Opti - Topics

October 2nd Regular Meeting



It looked like a very slim turnout for today's meeting at the 11:45 a. m. starting time, with only 9 Optimists in

attendance. However, six more members showed up in the next 30 minutes to bring our total to 15. We enjoyed a variety of sandwiches from Steak-Out, with baked potatoes & toppings for the vegans among us. An assortment of drinks plus a tangerine from Eureka's twin sons completed the meal.

Opening

President Eueka Battie asked Alfred Adams to bring the opening prayer, followed by Eureka leading the Club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Committee Reports



Alfred Adams, Chairman of the **Pecan Sale** Committee, reported a number of Optimists had picked up their pecans, but many had not and only 7 had paid for their allotment. Alfred said he would meet anyone who does not yet have their pecans at the ORC for their pick up. Call or e-mail him to make an appointment. Remember: Your payment for the pecans is due no later than the November business meeting.

Club meets
1st Thursday
At 6:00 p.m. at
Huntsville Country
Club

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

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President Eureka passed out a **Membership Interest Finder** survey to the attendees. This survey is for each of our members to indicate which of the Club's programs and projects they would like to help on this year. The form is included as an attachment to this newsletter for those of you who missed getting one at the meeting. Fill it out and send it to Eureka.



Tom Casteel reported on the **District Meeting** in Daphne last weekend. Tom said it was a "really good" meeting with good training and motivation. Our Club picked up a patch at the meeting for donating a dollar a day (\$365 total) to OI last year. Tom committed our Club to have ten 2017-18 "Dime-A-Day" members. For your donation of \$36.50, you will receive a nice lapel pin as well as the satisfaction of helping fund the various OI youth programs.



Alberto Duarte reported on his meeting at Whitesburg School this past Tuesday. He reported that the Assistant Principal and teachers there are very interested in starting two JOI Clubs, one for the elementary school and one for the middle school. Alberto encouraged some of our newer members to be involved this project.

Business Item



President Eureka reported that she had contacted the food manager at the Huntsville Country Club to voice our complaint at the quality of the food and the efficiency of the service at our evening meal their on October 5. She learned that the HCC chef had quit that day, and the meal was put together on short notice by an applicant for the job.

The poor service was due to understaffing for the evening. After a lot of discussion, a motion was made to continue meeting at the Huntsville Country Club for our next two evening meals. The meeting on November 2 is to give HCC another chance, and the meeting on December 7 has been planned there for our Christmas party. The motion passed by voice vote with one member dissenting.

Program



President Eureka introduced our speaker for today, Ms. Vikki Moore, Advisor for the P. E. A. R. L.S. program in Huntsville. The acronym stands for **P**erforming **E**ducation and **A**cademics with **R**ealistic **L**ife **S**kills. It was founded by two Huntsville City School educators in 2007 at Ed White Middle School to foster a mentoring environment that provides young ladies the opportunity to achieve in life. Eureka said her daughter, Alexis, is a member.

Ms. Moore gave a brief history of P.E.A.R.L.S. Starting with 11 young ladies at one school, it now has 21 members in several middle schools and high schools in Huntsville, mainly at Mae Jemison HS. She said it is considered an honor and a privilege to be a member. The organization performs community service projects in addition to getting training in life skills.

Young ladies from all the schools meet once each month, generally on a Saturday for mentoring and checking up on how they are doing scholastically and other goals in their individual programs. At the end of the school year, those girls who have met their goals are given a strand of pearls.

One of the P.E.A.R.L.S. programs emphasizes preparing HS seniors for college, with a "Home Sweet Dorm" program. Graduating seniors are prepared for college by a yearly college campus tour, and when leaving high school are given a personal package of items needed in their college dorm room.

Ms. Moore said the P.E.A.R.L.S. program has need of tutors and mentors, especially in the fields of nursing and engineering. Also, they would appreciate donations for items to stock their personal packages for the Home Sweet Dorm program.

For further information, e-mail Ms. Moore at vikki.moore@gmail.com, or phone her at 256-694-7373.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“I would offer this advice to any young woman inspired by the possibility of discovery and innovation: Do not let others define who you are. Define yourself. Do not be limited by what others expect of you, but reach confidently for the stars.”

~ Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson

CALENDAR

11/2 Thursday 6:00 pm Huntsville Country Club

Tiffany Martin – Hawthorne Conservatory

11/7 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.

Board Meeting

11/16 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food – (Alberto Duarte)

11/24 Thursday **NO MEETING**

THANKSGIVING



12/7 Thursday 6:00 pm Huntsville Country Club

Annual Christmas Party



12/21 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food – (Jim Roe)

12/28 Thursday **NO MEETING CHRISTMAS**



Website: hsvoptimists.org

PHOTOS



Our speaker, Ms. Vikki Moore



Our Club's "Dollar A Day" Patch



Member Interest Finder

Name: _____

Date: _____

We wish to have you active in our club. Please review the following and check the items that you might be interested in supporting.

_____ **Junior Optimist Clubs (JOI)** – Act as the club interface with the school advisor of a JOI Club. We generally try to have at least two members assigned to each JOI Club.

_____ **Band Instrument Loan Program** – We own about 250 instruments that we loan to students that would not otherwise be able to take band. The club member delivers instruments from our storage room to the Band Director at the school. At the end of the year they collect the instruments and present an award to a student. No knowledge of musical instruments is needed.

_____ **Tri Star Basketball Contest** – Check 3 skills of each kid, hand out lots of trophies. No basketball skills required. Lots of fun.

_____ **Essay contest** – Distribute information to schools, collect essays. Help with obtaining judges.

_____ **Oratorical Contest** - Distribute information to schools collect applications. Help with obtaining judges. Help with contest.

_____ **Youth Appreciation Week** – Distribute information to schools and collect honoree's names. Help with setting up banquet and award presentation.

_____ **Publicity** – Help with spreading information for various programs and events. Help with Facebook or Website.

_____ **Fellowship** – Help with setting up food and decorations at various events such as Youth Appreciation banquet, annual picnic, meals at Optimist Recreational Center, etc.

_____ **Newsletter** – Be on a committee to record meetings for the newsletter or format and publish newsletter.

_____ **Finance** – Act as secretary – treasurer.

___ **4H Judging** - Participate as a Judge for 4-H projects

___ **Fundraising** – Help with running our two annual fundraisers.

___ **Membership** – Help with encouraging club members to bring in new members. Help with membership retention. Help with New Optimist Welcome (NOW) events.

___ **STEM** – (Science – Technology – Engineering – Math) Help with evaluating student STEM projects.

___ **Kite Festival** – Man a booth in the Jaycees Building at the annual Kite Festival. Hand out balsa airplanes, brochures, and talk to potential members for our club.

___ **Other** - _____

What is your experience in community betterment, church work, sports and youth serving activities that could help our club?

What projects or programs would you like the club to consider.

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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