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June Business Meeting

We had nineteen members and two guests in attendance at our business meeting today. Our guests were Michael Abernathy and Samar Misra. The tables were decorated by our president Eureka and her daughter Alexis with a “Fourth of July” motif. Thanks to them for making a pleasant atmosphere for our meeting.

Bob Hirschbuehler was our caterer today from Casa Blanca (Mexican Restaurant). We had taco bowls, with homemade shells, lettuce, sour cream, cilantro, cheese, chicken or beef with salsa and chips.

Thanks to Bob the vegans were in for a complete surprise. He provided vegan cornbread as well as chunky vegan chili. The chili was very hearty with all the fixings in it. Beans, jalapenos, tomatoes, etc. Dessert we had a cookie cake with fourth of July icing, and we had an assortment of drinks to choose from. We had fresh fruit as bonus. Oranges, pineapples, grapes as well as cantaloupe.

Opening

President Eureka Battie presided at today’s meeting. Eureka opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to our June business meeting and asking Alberto to bring the opening prayer, as well as lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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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Announcements



President Eureka is asking all Committee Chairpersons to prepare and deliver a year-end report of your Committee activities and submit it to her by August 31, 2018. In this report she needs to know what you accomplished and what you plan on highlighting next year. These reports can be a big help to next year's chairperson, especially to new members who are stepping up to take a leadership role in our Club activities.

Financial Report

At the end of 8 months of this fiscal year, Revenue was 10862.02, expenses were 8523.45, for a net of 2338.57 positive. Youth activities expenditures funded by the foundation were 30861.39. Our bank balance is 5445.82.

Al reported that four members were dropped for non-payment of dues.

S.T.E.M. Committee Report

The Community Development Corporation (CDC) was a recipient of a S.T.E.M. grant. At a future meeting they are going to show us how the grant has assisted them and how they have been able to use it.

Committee chair Tom Rumph received a letter from the Huntsville City School Superintendent saying thank you for the S.T.E.M. grant.

JOI Committee Report

There was no update on JOI clubs however the lead that was at chapman school is now at Whitesburg. She will collaborate with the teachers and administrative there. President Eureka said she is not giving up on Chapman and is going to continue to work with them.

Foundation Report

The Foundation is still in good standing. The numbers update given by Alberto was:

CD at Synovus Bank	167,933.80
Regions Bank investments	889,235.00
TOTAL,	1,057,268.80

Club Officers

President Eureka announced that the club still has openings for 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and one Director. Tom Casteel told the members that we need for some of the new members to step up and fill these positions. It is your club and you should have a say as to the direction it takes in the future. Keaires Roberson stated that she would be a director.

Nominees will be announced and voted on at our July 26th meeting.

New Member Installation

Two new members were inducted today. Dr. Joseph Lee and Ms. Jeannette Roberson. Congratulations.

Band Instrument Loan Program

On behalf of the Community Development Corporation (CDC) Dr. Joseph Lee donated fifteen violins to the club. Program started in, their main goal is housing and units. They work with the people of the neighborhood as well. The CDC has an after-school program in Edmonton Heights as well as Healthy Life Style summer camp program. He mentioned that they have different organizations who comes in and does different things. A lady came in to volunteer to teach the kids how to play violins. The CDC purchased 15-18 violins and they put on a concert. She graduated from A&M, the violins have been sitting in the closet for a few years. And the Optimist club mentioned they had a band program, so Dr. Joseph Lee decided to donate them. He knew donating them to the Optimist club of Huntsville would be the best use for them. He mentioned that the CDC is non-profit. The violins have been in his possession for a few years in the closet. He wants us to share with kids who need them. Tom Casteel, Band Committee Chair, accepted them on behalf of the club and thanked Dr. Lee for the CDC's generous donation.

Dr. Joseph Lee mentioned that he went to present the Caffe award and that Optimist Club of Huntsville is held high regard within the City of Huntsville leadership.

Bill Clark was absent from today's meeting- the band program started with him. Eureka put together something special for him, a flyer that we all signed. 7 years ago, the Optimist Club of Huntsville won the Optimist International best program award for our Band Instrument Loan Program.

Other Information

Our Optimist Club video came in third place after the on-line voting.

The Optimist International Convention will be held in Ottawa Canada this year. Tom Casteel will be attending the convention after visiting with his grandchildren and their parents in Ottawa. Everyone should plan to attend the 2019 International Convention as we will be celebrating our 100th year as an organization and it is being held close by in Louisville, KY.

The AL-MS District meeting will be Aug 24th-26th in Montgomery Alabama.

Eureka needs a synopsis from the chair members to show what they did and what they plan on doing next year by August 31.

Zone update- Tom Howell is the current Lieutenant governor and he will be it again.

Next meeting July 12th- Darrin will introduce our video and we will do a small presentation for him. As well as a panel of members to tell what you do how you do it. 2 mins a piece.

Closing

Eureka led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to end the meeting.

Keaires Roberson

Optimistic Quote of the Week

"Optimism is an essential ingredient for innovation. How else can the individual welcome change over security, adventure over staying in safe places."

~ Bob Noyce

CALENDAR

JULY 3 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting

JULY 12 Thursday **6:00 pm** Huntsville Country Club

JULY 26 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Vastell Williams)

Photos



Eureka Installs Dr. Joseph Lee

and

Ms. Jeannette Roberson



One of the Donated Violins



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TO:

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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