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Opti - Topics

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September Business Meeting



15 Optimists assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center today for the Club's September Business Meeting.

Gay Pepper oversaw the food, catered by Steak Out. Sweet potatoes and salads for the vegans. Cheeseburgers, hamburgers, chips, and the fixings for everyone else. Drinks sweet tea and water. Dessert was chocolate chip cookies.

Opening

Eureka opened the meeting by asking Keaires to open us up in prayer. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Eureka stated she enjoyed serving as the president and look forward to serving for the next 365 days. There were no visitors at this meeting. We are encouraging each member to bring at least one visitor.

Optimist Family News

2019 International Convention will be held in Louisville Kentucky. The Optimist will be celebrating the 100th year of being optimist June 30th-July3rd. At the Galt House hotel.

Updates from the last district meeting Aug 24-26 Montgomery Al. It was a great conference. Debbie Merritt from the Athens Club will be the new governor. The club will pay \$100 for any member attending the district meeting.

Club meets
2nd Thursday
At 6:00 p.m. at
Piccadilly Cafeteria

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

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Treasurer's Report



Al gave the financial report. \$1300 collected in dues for meals. \$250 for business meetings. Four people attended the district meeting. They received \$100 each for attending. He also discussed the budget approval for expenses, with a few changes. Nine members were brought in. We will be charging for less meals. Five members had to be dropped due nonpayment, that cost us \$500 that we did not receive.

Secretary – Treasurer Al Renz gave his report. The club is doing well with a bank balance of 15,166.05.

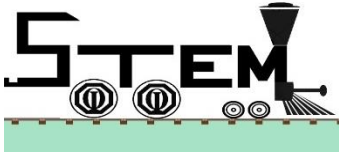
Committee Reports



Alberto Duarte reported Installation for the 5 JOI clubs coming up. If you would like to attend, contact Alberto. Grace Lutheran September 21 at 1:20, will have pizzas and drinks for them. Suggested somebody from the stem going would be good. Sep 28th Whitesburg school noon, they have not formalized the time. Randolph Oct 5th 9:45am. The foundation is doing well.

We received a thank you card from Gay, Sheena and Aaron for the Club's contribution in memory of Jim Pepper.





Vastell Williams Provided the STEM update. Tom Rumph has agreed to chair the STEM committee for next year. The amount requested for the STEM Projects is 15,000.00. The application will be sent out Oct 1. It will include information on some of our other programs as well.

Huntsville Optimist Foundation Report



Foundation President **Alberto Duarte** gave a report on the Foundation's investments as of the close of the market's close on September 13, 2018. The Foundations account at Regions is now worth \$903,519, and the account at Synovus is worth \$172,116. This is up from last month. Bringing the total to 1,077,220.

Alberto stated that the Foundation Board will meet when it is necessary. Gay pepper has offered the conference room in her bank, Synovus Bank on Whitesburg Drive. The Board will meet on the 3rd Thursday when meetings are held. Anyone who wants to participate is welcomed.

Old Business and more Family news



Al Adams gave an update on pecans. He will have a list to sign up to get pecans at the installation banquet. Each member is responsible for 10 bags. He also stated letters would go out to our current customers to explain the mishap with last year pecans.



Mr. Jessie stated that the Tri-Star basketball attendance has went down. He has chaired this committee for the last 5 years. Tom stated that maybe we could move the Tri-Star to the fall and contact coaches who can help with it. If we discontinue the program we will lose A&A points.. Looking forward to setting up a meeting with the coaches. Eureka is going to check for dates in Jan, as well as the Fall.

Closing

Tom Casteel led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Keaires Roberson



We welcomed Mr. Mark Reavis as our newest member. Eureka pinned him and gave him a Membership Certificate. Richie Myers was his sponsor him. Welcome Mr. Reavis we are happy to have you.

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

~Winston Churchill

CALENDAR

September 27th Thursday **6:00 pm** Optimist Recreation Center
Installation Banquet

October 2nd Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting

October 11th Thursday **6:00 pm** Piccadilly Cafeteria, Parkway Place
Evening 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 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, and stay, happy for the presence of trouble for fear, and also happy for the absence of trouble.

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