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# Opti - Topics

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## **October Evening Meeting**



14 Optimists, one guest, and our speaker assembled at the Piccadilly Cafeteria this evening for the Club's October Evening Meeting.

Our visitor this evening was George McDonough. It was great to see George again, he's looking good.

## **Opening**

In Eureka's absence, Tom Casteel opened the meeting by asking Clyde Nevins to give the invocation. Jesse Lang led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Optimist Family News**

This Sunday, President Eureka, Keaires Roberson, Jeannette Roberson, and Tom Casteel will be traveling to Sheffield, AL to attend the first meeting of the Growing Minds Optimist Club of the Shoals. This will count as an interclub visit for A&A points.

Please let Al Adams know if you need more than 10 bags of pecans or if you want mixed nuts.

We encourage each member to bring a guest as a potential member. Our club needs to grow, talk to your friends, co-workers, fellow church members, etc. and ask them to come to a meeting.

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
At 11:45 a.m.  
Optimist Recreational  
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Kathy Anderson announced that she had signed us up for the Veterans Day Parade. We will have two cars in the parade. The details will be provided at the business meeting on October 25th.

## **2018 Foundation Nominees**



To return the elections to the original terms specified in the Foundation's bylaws, the terms and elections of Directors would be as follows:

Class A Directors (3) Terms will end October 2019

Alberto Duarte

Al Renz

Clyde Nevins

Class B Directors (2) Terms will end October 2020

Jim Roe

Vastell Williams

Class C Directors (2) Terms will end October 2021

Alfred Adams

Gay Pepper

Alberto and Al Renz are the only directors not running for re-election. Their terms are good through October of 2019. Clyde Nevins' election would be for one year only to coincide with the election of all three Class A directors next October.

So, the Foundation's nominees for election by the Club at its October business meeting would be as follows:

Clyde Nevins for a 1-year term

Jim Roe and Vastell Williams for 2-year terms

Alfred Adams and Gay Pepper for 3-year terms.

## Program

Alberto Duarte introduced our speaker this evening; Holly Ralston from the Space and Rocket Center. She told us about the many events planned for the fiftieth anniversary of the Apollo moon landing.

She also discussed a proposal for the Optimist Foundation to fund a new exhibit located in the area where the military systems are currently displayed. The military display is outdated and does not have much traffic.

The plan is to revamp the area using hands on scientific exhibits the were obtained from the now defunct Sci-Quest museum. These exhibits will be refurbished, and new exhibits added. The Exhibit will have a name like 'Optimist Kids Science'.

## Closing

Matt Clarke led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

*Tom Casteel*

## Optimistic Quote of the Week

**“What is the essence of Life? To serve others and to do good.**

*Aristotle*

## CALENDAR

October 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting**

November 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday **4:00 pm** 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.  
**Board Meeting**

November 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - NOTE TIME CHANGE -**

November 12<sup>th</sup> Monday **10:00 am** Lot K (Clinton Ave. across from the Post Office)  
**Veterans Day Parade**

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - **NO MEETING -**  
**Thanksgiving**



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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**TO:**

### **THE OPTIMIST CREED**

Promise Yourself -

**T**o be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

**T**o talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

**T**o make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

**T**o look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true

**T**o think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

**T**o be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

**T**o forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

**T**o wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

**T**o give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

**T**o 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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