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November Business Meeting



A great turnout of 15 Optimists and two guests assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center today for the Club's November Business Meeting.

Vastell Williams was our caterer, we had vegan spaghetti, cheesy pasta, and spicy Italian pasta. With a nice side salad, with chicken toppings, cheese and multiple choices of dressings. Prepared by Nothing but Noodles. Dessert was miniature pound cakes, red-velvet and lemon meringue. For drinks we had sweet and unsweet tea to choose from.

Opening

President Eureka opened the meeting today. She asked Reverend Jim Berry to give the blessing of the meal and to lead the pledge of allegiance.

Our Visitors

Keaires brought 2- guests-

Beverly Durr has a non-profit Every Child has a Story. Where she offers 3 programs. Speaking, writing speeches and publishing books. Also, she operates Junior CEO Academy Huntsville with kids. Writer's vibe (published books). (If would like to be a part of this program or make a donation contact director@everychildhasastory.org). She will be hosting a silent auction fundraiser Nov 27th time 6:00-8:00pm location 5810 wall Triana Highway Madison.

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

**4th Thursdays
At 11:45 a.m.
Optimist Recreational
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Joel Sheppard- BTO- Beating the Odds- An all-male group that prepares men to live life. There are 3 programs: a Men's Life Group (Bible study), a Financial Education Seminar, and a Fitness & Nutrition program. They mentor young men ages from 8-18 and prepare them for life. (if you would like to be a part of this organization or make a donation contact beatingtheoddsmen1@yahoo.com)

Treasurer's Report

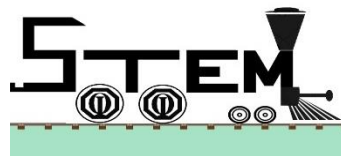


Secretary – Treasurer Al Renz gave his report. The club is doing well with a bank balance of 13080.30.

Committee Reports



JOI Clubs- We have 6 functioning clubs. We received an update from Lincoln Academy. They stated that they would like to wait until the next school year. Eureka is looking to build home school JOI clubs.



Vastell Williams reported letters have been sent out to the schools. Have received 10-15 responses. And a total of 8 applications. The deadline for applications is Dec 3rd. Will start evaluating after the deadline. All applications should be emailed to stem@hsvoptimist.org.



Due to heavy rain, the City's Veteran Day Parade was cancelled.

Holiday Party- The Holiday Party will be hosted at the Optimist Recreation Center on December 6th at 6pm. Please let Eureka or Tom know if you are planning to attend.

Evening Meeting location- The meeting location for our evening meetings was discussed and the members voted to return to the Blue Plate Café on South Parkway. The construction in that area has been completed and access is much simpler. Take the Charlotte Drive exit just past the Martin Road exit, merge over to the right lane , turn in at the shopping center where Rosie’s Cantina is located, Blue Plate will be on the right. To go back North on the Parkway after the meeting, just return to the service road going South, down to the turn around at Charlotte Drive and merge back onto the Parkway just before Byrd Spring.

Growing minds of the Shoals Optimist Club Update- Our newest Club, Growing Minds Optimist Club of the Shoals is doing great things. They are hosting their first turkey drive, for families in need. They also participated in Breast cancer awareness program. Their N.O.W has been postponed.

Pecan Fund Raiser Al Adams said that the pecans are now in and available for pickup. He will be at the Recreational Center at the following times:

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 13 / Wednesday, Nov. 14

2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday Nov. 15 / Friday Nov.16

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday Nov. 19 / Tuesday Nov. 20

Starting November 27, you can call him at 502-541-6469 and he will arrange to meet you.

New Member Induction Mrs. Vikkie Hollinsworth was inducted by President Eureka. Vikki will be working alongside Gay Pepper on the fellowship and planning committee. Welcome Vikki!

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

Keaires Roberson



**President Eureka Presents Vikki
Her Membership Certificate**

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“ You can never be upset with the people who forced you into your dream.”

Tyler Perry

CALENDAR

November 22nd Thursday - **NO MEETING - Thanksgiving**



December 6th Thursday **6:00 pm** Optimist Recreation Center
Christmas Party

December 4th Tuesday **4:00 pm** 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting

December 13th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Bob Hirschbuehler)
- NOTE TIME CHANGE -

December 27th Thursday - **NO MEETING - CHRISTMAS**



January 8th Tuesday **4:00 pm** 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting

January 10th Thursday **6:00 pm** Blue Plate Café, South Parkway
January Evening Meeting

January 24th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Keaires Roberson)



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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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