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January Evening Meeting



Fifteen Optimists and three guests assembled at Blue Plate Café for our evening meeting. Eureka Thompson called our meeting to order. We enjoyed a selection from Blue Plate Café. The servings were nice size, and they offered reasonable prices.

Reverend Jim Berry blessed the food and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening

President Eureka Thompson welcomed everyone to the Club's Jan evening meeting. President Eureka then asked for guest introductions, which were:

- **Karol Wadell**, currently works with Second Mile. She was a project leader for the Adult Learning Center at J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College
- **Louis Jackson** He is a V.I.S.T.A Volunteer in Service to America. Works for the Alabama A&M Edmonton Heights Life Center. Home and Deferred Maintenance Program.

Announcements



The Club **Oratorical Contest** will be held on March 16th at 9:00am, Cooper House for more information contact Alberto Duarte.

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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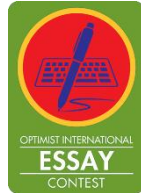
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The **Pancake Breakfast** will be held at The Cooper House, 405 Randolph Ave. S.E; Huntsville AL, Saturday Feb 9, 2019 from 7:30am to 11:30am. If you have not sold your tickets, Sell, sell, sell! Each member is responsible for 10 non-refundable tickets. If you need tickets or more information, contact Alberto Duarte.



The deadline for the **Essay Contest** is February 2nd. Please push schools, students or any organizations you may know of to submit an essay. Contact Annie Ochsner for additional information.



The annual **Kite Festival** will be held on March 2nd 11am-3pm, John Hunt Park. We will have a booth passing out brochures about our club to the adults and balsa wood glider airplanes to the children. If you would like to participate by spending an hour at our booth would like more information, contact. Al Adams or Tom Casteel.



Dime A Day. The Dime A Day program supports the scholarships for the Essay and Oratorical contests. For your support you will receive this handsome pin. Our club's goal is 100% participation. Give Tom Casteel our Optimist Foundation Rep a check for \$36.50 and he will give you're your pin.

Growing minds of the Shoals Optimist Club Update-, Growing Minds Optimist Club of the Shoals is doing well. Alfred Adams, Tom Casteel, Keaires Roberson, Jeanette Roberson, and President Eureka and her twins attended their January 13th meeting The Growing Minds Club is planning a youth mentoring program and a Fun Day this summer.



January is the time to start our **Home Sweet Dorm** project. Ten of our Senior Pearls will soon be going off to college. Our club would like to send them off with our continued support and love. The project provides each Pearl items needed to make things a little easier and get them excited and motivated about their college future. Here is the list of items needed:



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| Toothpaste | Towels |
| Tooth Brushes | Laundry Basket |
| Mouthwash | Dryer Sheets |
| Floss | Laundry Pods |
| Air Freshener | Paper Towels |
| Cotton Balls | Paper Towels |
| Cotton Swabs | Toilet Paper |
| Disposable Razors | Napkins |
| Pure Silk Shaving Cream | Feminine Products |
| Hand Sanitizer | Soap |
| Shower Shoes (Flip Flops) | Paper Plates |
| Body Wash | Plastic Cutlery |
| Wash clothes | Towels |
| Deodorant | Lint Roller |
| Lysol Wipes | Trash Bags |
| Kleenex | Hefty Storage Bags |
| All Purpose Cleaning Spray | |



Guest Speaker-

Our guest speaker was **Willie Diggs**, Director of Field of Education, at Alabama A&M University. The founder of Come Thirsty Ministries, Inc. His foundation is based on raising up young men and training them in the way they should go. They focus on spirituality, education and over all life.

The young men in his organization volunteered over 900 volunteer hours year 2018, serving the homeless, elderly community and the Butler Terrace Community.

Willie Diggs is well known in the community and a respected leader. He has a heart for kids and works to make sure they excel in life. To contact him email **jabas03@aol.com**.

Closing

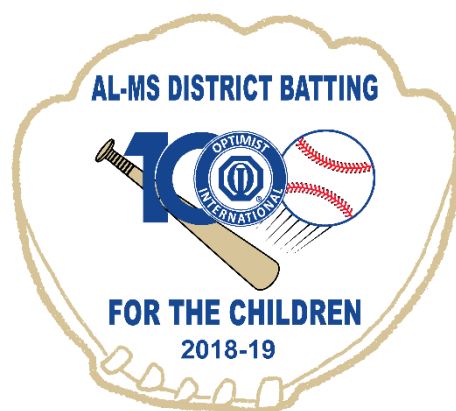
President Eureka led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Keaires Roberson

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“It looks hard right now, but I promise it gets better.”

~ Keaires Roberson



PHOTOS



Willie Diggs, President Eureka, and Keaires Roberson

CALENDAR

2019

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

February 5th Tuesday **4:00 pm** 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting

February 14th Thursday **6:00 pm** **Blue Plate Café, South Parkway**
February Evening Meeting

February 28th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Richie Myers)



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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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