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Opti - Topics

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February Business Meeting

Seventeen Optimists and three guests assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for our business meeting. Eureka Thompson called our meeting to order. Clyde Nevins gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gay Pepper catered our lunch which three different entres from **Nothing But Noodles** and salad with two different dressings. There was sweet tea, unsweet tea, and lemomade to quinch our thirst.

Opening

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

- **Autumn Robinson**- Travel professional, graduated from A&M University with a social work degree.
- **Neville Simpson**- a software developer with NASA. He also owns Neville Simpson Photography a wedding and portrait photography company located in Huntsville, Alabama that serves couples all over Birmingham and Tuscaloosa. Neville is an award-winning photographer and has been featured in several local and national magazines.
- **Dr. Aisha Fields** – International Director of the All African People's Development and Empowerment Project (AAPDEP.) AAPDEP organizes community-based development projects that improve the quality of life for African people around the world.

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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Announcements

Al Renz, our Professional Growth and Involvement (PGI) chair, announced that President Eureka Thompson had achieved Level 6. He presented her with the Level 6 backing for her membership pin. Congratulations Eureka.

Treasurer's Report



Secretary – Treasurer Al Renz gave his report. The club is doing well with a bank balance of 15,218.47.

Committee Reports

Tom Rumph has submitted an annual report on the STEM committee activities.

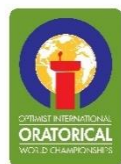


JOI Clubs- Edmonton Heights is up and running. They attended the District JOI Convention on March 9th and had a great time, they didn't want to leave.



Tri-Star Basketball – Jessie reported that the Tri Star Basketball contest was held two weeks ago with a great turn out. Kids were very excited. Eureka has set up an appointment with Mr. Green of the Parks and Recreations Department.

He assured us that the Club will have more athletics to participate next year. We are considering moving the contest to November or December.



The Zone oratorical contest will be held Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 am in Room A-B on the first floor of the Main Huntsville Library.

When you enter the library turn right before the next set of doors. Best wishes to our contestants.

Home Sweet Dorm Project

We are continuing to collect items for the **Pearls** young ladies that are going to college. Our member, Viki Moore, has provided a list of items needed. There are ten young ladies this year. We will be presenting the supplies next month. Let's give them a great sendoff and help make college life a little easier.

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

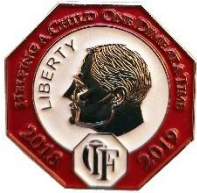


Growing minds of the Shoals Optimist Club Update Tom and Eureka visited the Growing Minds Club in Florence. They have a new meeting place in the Season's "Good Moods, Good Food" Restaurant. They are having problems getting a tax id number. We are working diligently to get that set up. They just completed a fundraiser and are an active club.

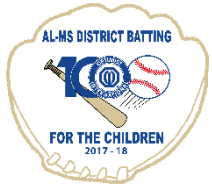
Huntsville Optimist Foundation Report



Alberto Duarte reported that the Huntsville Optimist Foundation balances were: Synovus Bank, \$123,115 and Regions Bank Investments, \$871,995. Alberto thanked Al Renz for the excellent job in preparing the annual IRS report for the Foundation. The club gave him a round of applause.



Dime A Day. The Dime A Day program supports the scholarships for the Essay and Oratorical contests. Please provide Tom Casteel our Optimist Foundation Rep with a check for \$36.50 and he will give you this handsome pin for your support.



Our next District meeting will be April 26-28 at the Trustmark Park Holiday Inn in Pearl, MS. Southeast Regional Vice President Michael Goldman will be our OI representative.

The Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Contest will be held Saturday afternoon and the Oratorical District Contest will be held Saturday evening.

Plan to attend the 100th Optimist International Convention June 30th to July 3rd in Louisville, KY. Eureka's bus company will be chartering a bus to Louisville.

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

Keaires Roberson

Optimistic Quote of the Week

"An optimist is the human personification of spring."

~ Susan J. Bissonette

CALENDAR

2019

- April 2nd Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR
Board Meeting
- April 11th Thursday **6:00 pm** **Blue Plate Café, 7540 Memorial Pkwy SW**
March Evening Meeting
- April 25th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
March Business Meeting (Food – Iesha Moffett)



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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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