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April Evening Meeting

Fifteen Optimists and eleven guests assembled at the Blue Plate Café for our April evening meeting. Eureka Thompson called our meeting to order and asked Clyde Nevins to give the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening

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

- **Demetria Braudaway**

She is the Assistant Branch Manager at the Jones Valley Branch of Progress Bank. Demetria was the guest of Jim Roe and is now our newest member, congratulations Demetria.

- **Michael Sorrell**

Michael is one of our two Oratorical Contest winners (The other winner was Ted Edwards, son of Belinda Savage-Edwards.) and 2nd place Essay contest winner. Michael had his parents, Bob and Dianne and his grandmother, Carol with him.

- **Blake Christiansen**

Blake is the Club Essay Contest winner and the District Essay Contest Winner. He had his Mom Debbie Pike with him.

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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• **Other Guests**

Pat Lang, Jesse's wife; Eureka's twins, Michael (Co-JOI District Lt Governor) and Malik; Jacob Harris (Co-JOI District Lt Governor with Michael); and Emmalee Ramos (JOI District Secretary.)

Essay Contest

Annie Sandusky presented Blake Christiansen his First Place Medallion and a check for \$500. Blake's essay also won the District competition and he will receive a \$2500 scholarship. Annie also presented Michael Sorrell the Second Place Medallion and a check for \$300.

Oratorical Contest

Past Governor Tom Casteel presented Michael Sorrell a plaque for winning 1st Place in the Zone 2 Oratorical Contest. Michael will go to Pearl, Mississippi to compete in the District Oratorical Contest on April 27th. Tom also presented Michael a \$500 check for being one of the two Club Oratorical Contest winners.

Speaker

Iesha Moffit introduced our speaker for the evening, Justin Johnson from Google Fiber. In conjunction with the City of Huntsville Utilities Department, Google has brought gigabit fiber optic distribution to the city of Huntsville. Justin remarked that having a fiber port in your house adds to the value of your house, approximately the equivalent of having an extra bathroom or fireplace. In addition to providing high speed internet access, Google has established a Digital Inclusion Fund that will make internet access and digital education available to those currently without access to those resources. He was asked if Google Fiber was available in Madison. He stated, "Not yet, but we are working on it."



JOI Clubs

Edmonton Heights JOI Club has twenty members which gives our Club additional A&A points.

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.

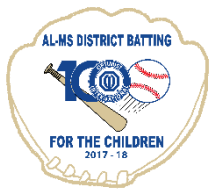
Toothpaste	Paper Towels	Body Wash
Towels	Cotton Swabs	Plastic Cutlery
Tooth Brushes	Toilet Paper	Wash clothes
Mouthwash	Disposable Razors	Towels
Dryer Sheets	Napkins	Deodorant
Floss	Pure Silk Shaving Cream	Lint Roller
Laundry Pods	Feminine Products	Lysol Wipes
Air Freshener	Hand Sanitizer	Trash Bags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



Dime A Day



Tom Casteel our Optimist Foundation Representative reminded us that the Dime A Day program supports the scholarships for the Essay and Oratorical contests. Provide him 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.

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“Be Silly, Be Honest, Be Kind.”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

CALENDAR

2019

- April 25th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Food – Iesha Moffett)
- May 7th Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR
Board Meeting
- May 9th Thursday **6:00 pm** **Blue Plate Café, 7540 Memorial Pkwy SW**
Evening Meeting
- May 23rd Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Food – Al Renz)

PHOTOS



Annie Sandusky Presents Blake Christiansen His First Place Essay Award.



Tom Casteel Presents Michael Sorrell His District Zone Oratorical Contest Plaque



Annie Sandusky Presents Michael Sorrell His Second Place Essay Award



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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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