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April Business Meeting

Eighteen Optimists and four guests assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for our business meeting. In the absence of President Eureka Thompson, Tom Casteel called our meeting to order. Clyde Nevins gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Iesha Moffett catered our lunch with four different chicken salads and croissants from **Chicken Salad Chick**. Sweet tea, unsweet tea, and lemonade drinks were also provided.

Opening

Tom welcomed everyone to the Club's April business meeting. He then asked for guest introductions, which were:

- **Abbi Grace**- Age six, the daughter of our new member Demetria Braudaway. She was with her Mom for career day.
- **Darissa Williams**- Created the organization 'Kingdom Ready Kids' and is the author of three children's books. She is the guest of Joseph Lee.
- **Autumn Robinson**- Travel professional, graduated from A&M University with a social work degree. Autumn joined our club today, welcome Autumn.

We had two guests , Daynise Joseph and Justin Johnson that came at 11:00 due to a miscommunication They had to leave before the meeting started.

**Club meets
2nd Thursday
At 6:00 p.m. at
Blue Plate Cafe**

**4th Thursdays
At 11:45 a.m.
Optimist Recreational
Center**

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Announcements

Tom Casteel announced that since we don't have as many meetings each month as we use to, we will be passing the can around for the Attendance Prize at both meetings each month. Each member puts in a dollar with one-half the proceeds going to the person whose name is pulled and the other half going to the Optimist International Childhood Cancer Fund.

Treasurer's Report

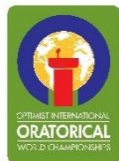


Secretary – Treasurer Al Renz gave his report. The club is doing well with a bank balance of 14106.73.

Committee Reports



JOI Clubs- Our new Edmonton Heights JOI club is active. They have started a Community Garden. They are also working on goody bags for group housing residents.



The District oratorical contest will be held in Pearl, MS on Saturday, April 27th. Tom Casteel will be attending and representing the club. We wish our contestant, Michael Sorrell all the best.

Huntsville Optimist Foundation Report



Alberto Duarte reported that the Huntsville Optimist Foundation balances were: Synovus Bank, \$175,987 and Regions Bank Investments, \$896,370 for a total of 1,072,357.

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 in June. Let's give them a great sendoff and help make college life a little easier.

Toothpaste	Paper Towels	Plastic Cutlery
Towels	Toilet Paper	Wash clothes
Tooth Brushes	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
Cotton Swabs	Body Wash	



We held elections for our 2019-2020 officers.

The slate presented by the Nomination Committee were:

President: Dr. Joseph Lee

Directors (2 Year Term)

1st Vice President: No Nominee

Alfred Adams

2nd Vice President: No Nominee

Matt Clarke

Bob Hirschbuehler

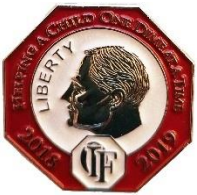
There were no nominations from the floor. Rev. Jim Berry moved that the slate be elected by acclimation. Alberto seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tom told the members that this club has been successful for seventy-two years. This is due in part to the fact that in seventy-two years only five presidents have served more than one year. New leadership brings in new ideas and a fresh view of what the club is doing. He asked members, especially some of the newer members to step up and fill the vacant Vice-President positions. The normal process is to serve as 2nd Vice-President, then 1st Vice President, then President. This gives the individual a good idea on how the club operates before taking over as president.

Demetria Braudaway asked “What are the duties of a Vice President?”

The job of the Vice-President is to assist the President in the operation of the club. Occasionally when the President can't make a meeting one of the Vice-Presidents will preside. The President may assign a specific task to a Vice-President, such as supervising a new program. The Vice-President is a member of the Board of Directors and should plan to attend the Board Meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

If you are interested or for more information, just let President Eureka or any Board member know.



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.

Closing Bob Hirschbuehler led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Clyde Nevins



Optimistic Quote of the Week

**"The people who win in life are not always the strong, the fast, the smart.
In the end the winner is someone who believes in himself. "**

~ Andrea Hirata

CALENDAR

2019

- 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)

BAND CONCERTS

- May 2 **Meridianville Middle School**
6:00pm Gym
12975 Hwy 231-431 N, Hazel Green, AL 35750
- May 13 **Buckhorn Middle School**
6:30pm Gym
Not to be confused with the adjacent high school gym
4185 Winchester Rd, New Market, AL 35761
- May 9th **Liberty Middle School**
7:00 pm James Clemens High School
11306 County Line Rd, Madison, AL 35756
- May 14 **New Market School**
6:00pm Gym
155 College St, New Market, AL 35761
- May 20 **Riverton Intermediate School**
6:30pm Gym
399 Homer Nance Rd, Huntsville, AL 35811



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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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