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Opti - Topics

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May Business Meeting

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

Al Renz catered our lunch with delicious fried chicken from Popeyes, dirty rice, biscuits, a selection of veggies with a ranch dip, a plate of various fruits and cupcakes for desert. Sweet tea, unsweet tea, and lemonade drinks were also provided. Not only was the meal delicious and filling, it came in under budget. Outstanding job, Al!

Opening

Eureka welcomed everyone to the Club's May business meeting.

Announcements

Eureka announced that she had received a number of 'Thank-You' letters from some of the schools that had received STEM grants from the Club. She passed them around for the members to read.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary – Treasurer Al Renz gave his financial report. The club is doing well with a bank balance of \$11,891.03.



**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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Committee Reports



JOI Clubs- The EVERYDAY LEARNING JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB is geared toward home schoolers although it is open to any child in the community. They will be participating with Speak Out Right Now on June 8th. JOI member Jaden Coolie has written a children's book as part of Every Child has a Story. They are for sale at \$12.97, contact Kearies Roberson for more information.

Huntsville Optimist Foundation Report



Alberto Duarte reported that the Huntsville Optimist Foundation balances were: Synovus Bank, \$174,039 and Regions Bank Investments, \$869,557 for a total of 1,043,596.



Our next District meeting will be held locally at the Best Western Plus Madison-Huntsville Hotel, Address: 9035 Madison Blvd, August 15-18, 2019. Zones 2 and 3 clubs will be the hosts for this convention. President Eureka stated she would like to see at least 20 of our members in attendance. Additionally, as hosts we will be responsible to help provide snacks and to staff the hospitality room. We will need to obtain items for the goodie bags given to attendees. These are usually things like advertising pencils, pens, and similar items collected from businesses. If you work for a business that has these types of giveaways. Check if they will donate some to us.

Home Sweet Dorm Project

We are continuing to collect items for the **Pearls** young ladies that are going to college. We will be presenting the supplies at our business meeting in June.

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	

Closing

Vastell Williams won the Attendance Prize. Eureka led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Tom Casteel

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“True patriotism springs from a belief in the dignity of the individual, freedom and equality not only for Americans but for all people on earth, universal brotherhood and good will, and a constant and earnest striving toward the principles and ideals on which this country was founded. ”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

CALENDAR

June 4th Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR
Board Meeting

June 13th Thursday **6:00 pm** **Blue Plate Café, 7540 Memorial Pkwy SW**
Evening Meeting

June 27rd Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Food – Joseph Lee)



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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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