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# Opti - Topics

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## **June Evening Meeting**

Seventeen members and our speaker assembled at the Blue Plate Café for our June evening meeting.

### **Opening**

President Eureka Thompson called our meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the Club's June evening meeting. She then asked Al Adams to give the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After enjoying our meals and fellowship, Joseph Lee introduced **Sally Warden**, Executive Director of the the Alabama 200 Huntsville/Madison County Bicentennial Committee.

### **Speaker**

For the past 30 years, Sally has served as a community leader for non-profit organizations and municipal government. Currently she is involved with the boards of The Land Trust of North Alabama, the E911 board, and the Huntsville Planning Commission. She also serves as the volunteer assistant director of the Asbury Food Pantry. She is a graduate of Huntsville/Madison County Leadership and Leadership Alabama.

She told us that Huntsville has the honor of hosting many firsts: the first Alabama constitutional convention was held here, the first library was established here, the first bank, first Methodist church, the first black church, the first brewery, and the first water works.

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**  
**At 11:45 a.m.**  
**Optimist Recreational**  
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She then told us about the many events celebrating our Bicentennial such as:

**We the People**, in the summer of 1819, forty-four delegates met in Huntsville to draft Alabama's first constitution, the defining document that provided the framework for the state's government and made Alabama the 22nd of the United States. Two hundred years later, the Constitution of 1819 is returning to the city as part of a special bicentennial exhibition curated by the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH). The documents have been meticulously restored and will be on view outside of Montgomery for the first time at the Huntsville Museum of Art, 300 Church Street South, from **June 30<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Go to <https://hsvmuseum.org/we-the-people-alabamas-defining-documents/> for more information.

**Making Alabama**, a Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit will be at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue **June 8<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>**.

The exhibit features:

Eight periods of history that defined Alabama as a state – decisions and turning points that shaped what the state would become and what it will be – all in an impressive display to retrace our state's footsteps featuring people, places and cultures that are still Making Alabama. And interactive displays to engage audiences.

Go to <https://www.makingalabama.org/> for more information.

**Church Street Festival of Voices** - A Juneteenth Celebration June 16<sup>th</sup>, Historic Huntsville Depot, 320 Church Street, 3:00 - 6 :00 p.m.

Celebrating the historic corridor of the African American business district, actors in period costume and life-sized pictures share historical stories. Food trucks offer cuisine from restaurants operating during that period.

Go to <https://www.huntsville.org/alabama-bicentennial/> for more events.

**Street Name Origins**, Sally passed out a brochure that lists the origins of the major down streets that are still the same after 200 years.

### **Home Sweet Dorm Project**

We will be presenting the supplies we collected to the **Pearls** young ladies that are going to college at our June business meeting on the 27th. Our member, Viki Moore with the young ladies as well as some alumni of the Pearls.

### **Everyone is Invited!!!!**

Our member Dr. Belinda Savage-Edwards is being honored as a 2019 Honoree through The WEDC (Women's Economic Development Council) Foundation. She would like for our club to attend: Please join her at Baron Bluff-Burritt on the Mountain, **Tuesday, June 18, 2019**/ 5:30-7:30pm. It's Free to attend, please RSVP to: ed@wedcfoundation.org. Any questions, please call President Eureka.

### **Closing**

President Eureka thanked Sally for an interesting talk and presented her with an Optimist Creed coaster. She had Sally draw a name for our 50/50 Attendance Prize. Kathy Anderson won on the first draw. Eureka led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

*Tom Casteel*

## **CALENDAR**

- June 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting (Food – Joseph Lee)**
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR  
**Board Meeting**
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday **6:00 pm** **Blue Plate Café, 7540 Memorial Pkwy SW**  
**Evening Meeting**
- July 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting (Food – Mark Reavis)**

## Optimistic Quote of the Week

**“Optimism is the Father of all great achievement.”**

*~ Marc Accetta*



**Sally Warden Talking to Club Members About the Bicentennial .**



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**TO:**

### **THE OPTIMIST CREED**

Promise Yourself -

**T**o be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

**T**o talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

**T**o make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

**T**o look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true

**T**o think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

**T**o be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

**T**o forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

**T**o wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

**T**o give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

**T**o 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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