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Opti - Topics

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July Business Meeting

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

Mark Reavis and his wife catered our lunch with delicious pasta dishes from Terranova's in Madison, salad, brownies, and a selection of teas. Great Job, Mark and Michelle!

Opening

Alfred welcomed visitor Mattie Henderson. She is retired and a possible member. He also welcomed Michelle Reavis, Mark's wife.

Treasurer's Report



Secretary – Treasurer Al Renz gave his financial report. The club is doing well with a bank balance of \$10,088.17 at the end of June.

Huntsville Optimist Foundation Report



Alberto Duarte reported that the Huntsville Optimist Foundation balances were: Synovus Bank, \$181,719 and Regions Bank Investments, \$896,179 for a total of 1,077,898.

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

4th Thursdays
At 11:45 a.m.
Optimist Recreational
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Hawthorne Conservatory



The project to build a dance studio for the Hawthorne Conservatory at the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center is near completion. Members are encouraged to visit the facility at 2450 Braham Ave SW, Huntsville, AL. The Huntsville Optimist Foundation matched the funds the conservatory raised three-to-one for the \$20,000 project. In addition to teaching music the conservatory is branching out to art and dance.

Band Program



Tom Casteel reported that the first wave of instruments were picked from Southeastern, processed with fresh supplies, and stored at the storage facility. Thanks to Matt Clarke and Al Adams for helping in this process.

Band Loan Program Members Needed With Al Adams moving South, we need someone to take over two schools: Huntsville Jr. High and Chapman School. Please let Tom Casteel know if you are interested in helping. You do not need to be a musician to perform the duties for this program.

District Meeting



Our next District meeting will be held locally at the Best Western Plus Madison-Huntsville Hotel, located at 9035 Madison Blvd on August 15-18, 2019. The clubs in Zones 2 and 3 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. The schedule will be forthcoming. Let's support our president and join in the fellowship and training at the District Convention.

Announcements

Alfred Adams has announced that he is moving South this August and will be resigning from the Foundation Board. He will remain a member of the club as he works here in Huntsville. A new member for the Foundation Board will be needed. The only requirement is that you are a member in good standing and have been a member of the Club for three years. The following members qualify and are not already on the Board.

Kathy Anderson

Angela R Debro

Bob Martin

Danielle R Barnes

Connie Gipson

Richie Myers

Buddy Beck

Byrom Goodwin

Thomas Rumph, Jr.

Jim Berry

Matt Hancock

Belinda A Savage-

Tom Casteel

Bob Hirschbuehler

Edwards

Matt Clarke

Dr. Debbie Hyder

Eureka Thompson

Bill Clarke

Jesse F. Lang

Closing

Al led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Tom Casteel

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“When you are asked if you can do a job, tell ’em, ‘Certainly I can!’ Then get busy and find out how to do it.”

~ Theodore Roosevelt

CALENDAR

August 6th Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR
Board Meeting

August 8th Thursday **6:00 pm** **Blue Plate Café, 7540 Memorial Pkwy SW**
Evening Meeting

August 22nd Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Food – Matt Clarke)



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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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