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Opti - Topics

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August Business Meeting

Eighteen Optimists and one guest 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.

Matt Clarke provided lunch today. We had Wendy's hamburgers, cheeseburgers, french fries, cookies and a variety of beverages. Matt also provided fruit and veggie plates for our vegan members.

Opening

Eureka welcomed our visitor, a little boy named Jackson that Autumn Robinson is babysitting.

Treasurer's Report



Secretary – Treasurer Al Renz gave his financial report. The club is doing well with a bank balance of \$14,255.56 at the end of July.

Tom Casteel presented Eureka her certificate and pin for being a Builder of Excellence. She received her medallion on stage at the International Convention in July. He also presented her with the name patch recognizing her as a Distinguished President for the 2017-18 year. Great job Eureka.

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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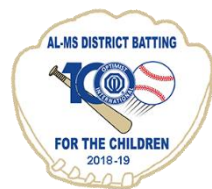
Band Program



Tom Casteel reported that all of our band instruments have been distributed with the exception of nine instruments at Southeastern that needed major repair. We have had several requests from schools with smaller needs and have had to say we don't have any instruments.

Band Loan Program Members Needed We need some members to manage three schools: Huntsville Jr. High, McNair Middle School, and Chapman School. For these three schools you do not have to deliver the instruments as the Band Director will bring the contracts over to the storage unit and pick up the instruments there. 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



The District was held locally at the Best Western Plus Madison-Huntsville Hotel in Madison the weekend of August 15-18. Al reported that we had twelve members attending.

Our members Demetria Braudaway and Mattie Henderson created the centerpieces for the banquet tables. Governor Debbie was delighted with their innovative design, and she autographed the baseballs used. After the meal the baseballs were given out as door prizes.

Demetria, her two children; Abbi Grace and Elijah, and Tom Casteel hosted the Hospitality Room on Friday night. The highlight of the meeting was Saturday afternoon when our own Al Adams was elected as the 2020-21 Governor of the Alabama-Mississippi District. Congratulations, Al!

Huntsville Optimist Foundation Report



Alberto Duarte reported that the Huntsville Optimist Foundation balances were Synovus Bank, \$181,540 and Regions Bank Investments, \$879,675 for a total of 1,061,215.

At our next business meeting we will be voting for someone to replace Al Adams on the Huntsville Optimist Foundation Board. If you are interested please let Eureka know.



Joseph Lee announced that the Edmonton Heights JOI club will be installing officers on Sunday, September 1st at 4:00 pm. The installation will be at the Edmonton Heights Community Center, 223 Salem Drive NE. Our members are encouraged to attend.



Tom Rumph reported that emails announcing the open application period for STEM Grants have been sent out to all the schools in our area. This email informs the principals of the STEM program and provides a grant application form and instructions on how to submit the grant application. The application period starts November 1st and ends October 15th. Awards will be made on December 11, 2019. Several applications have already been received.



New Member Orientation

An orientation class will be held on Saturday, Saturday 7th from 9:30-11:00 am at the Optimist Recreation Center. We will cover a brief history of our club and the Optimist organization as well as the many projects we have. All new members are encouraged to participate as you will learn more about our Club and District. **Bring your questions.**

Optimist Club Shirts

There have been questions about club shirts. We had held up ordering new shirts because Optimist International was coming out with a rebranding program. We thought that we may have to change the design. The rebranding program does not require us to change the emblem from our current one with the kids in front of a sunrise. We will be placing an order for shirts in September. The Gildan Polos are \$20 and the Blue Generation dress shirts will be \$25. Please let Tom Casteel know what styles and size you need. You will be billed with your October dues statement

Closing

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

Tom Casteel

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“When it rains look for rainbows, when it's dark look for stars.”

~ Oscar Wilde

CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR MEETING TIMES THIS MONTH ARE SWAPPED

- September 3rd Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR
Board Meeting
- September 7th Saturday **9:30 am** Optimist Recreation Center
New Member Orientation
- September 12th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Food – Past Presidents)
- September 26th Thursday **6:00 pm** **Drury Inn & Suites Huntsville
at the Space & Rocket Center
93 Wynn Dr NW, Huntsville, AL 35805**
Officer Installation Banquet
- October 1st Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR
Board Meeting
- October 10th Thursday **6:00 pm** **Blue Plate Café, 7540 Memorial Pkwy SW**
Evening Meeting
- October 24th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Food – Vicki Moore)

Photos



The Center Pieces Created by Demetria And Mattie



Tom Casteel Presents Eureka Her BOE Certificate and Pin



Al Adams Is Sworn in As Governor Elect By International Vice-President Cherryl Thames



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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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