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Opti - Topics

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October Business Meeting

Seventeen Optimists and two guests assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for our business meeting. President Joseph Lee, called our meeting to order. Joseph gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vikii Moore provided lunch today. We had Steakout chicken sandwiches, hamburgers, and baked potatoes and a variety of beverages. Good job Vikki !

Opening

Joseph asked Alberto to introduce his guest, **Jim King**. Jim is retired from the food service industry. He grew up in Huntsville and has worked in the food industry for many years. Welcome Jim, and we hope you will consider joining our group.



Alberto introduced his other guest, **Michelle Bauer**, Director of the Hawthorne Conservatory. Michelle thanked the Club for their support in building the

new dance studio at the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center, she showed a video of the new studio which now has forty-four students. The Huntsville Optimist Foundation provided \$15,000 in matching funds to build the new studio. Some photos are in the photo section of this newsletter. Also, there is a video posted on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HuntsvilleOptimistClub>

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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Treasurer's Report



Secretary – Treasurer Al Renz couldn't join us today. Demetria Braudaway passed out the financial statement. The club had a bank balance of \$8,230.16 at the end of September.

Band Program



Tom Casteel reported that he picked up the remaining instruments from Southeastern Repair. Additional instruments were distributed to Huntsville Jr. High and Morris Elementary School.

Band Loan Program Members Needed We still 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



President Joseph Lee, Juanita Lee, Mattie Henderson, and Tom Casteel attended the District Conference in Daphne, AL. Vice President Russ Thomas was the Optimist International Representative. He gave several inspirational talks during the weekend. We all had an enjoyable time, good fellowship, and some great training. Ester Stubbs of the Huntsville Evening Club was elected as the Lt. Governor for our Zone 3. Our next District Conference will be at Lake Guntersville Resort State Park on January 24-26, 2020. Mark your calendars now as the time will fly by quickly during the upcoming holiday season.

Huntsville Optimist Foundation



An election was held to fill the two open positions on the two open positions on the Huntsville Optimist Foundation Board. There were seven candidates, Eureka Thompson and Matt Clarke were elected. Congratulations, you will be a great addition to the Board.

Alberto Duarte reported that the Huntsville Optimist Foundation balances were: Regions: \$890,713.00, SYNOVUS: \$183,685.94, Total: \$1,074,398.94



Alberto Duarte, President Joseph Lee, and Jim Roe installed the officers at the Whitesburg Junior Optimist Club. Pizza was served and everyone had a good time.

Miscellaneous

A discussion was held on finding a better place for our evening meeting. The kitchen noise at our current location makes it difficult to hear speakers. The issue will be brought up at our next Board meeting and a committee assigned to investigate a new location.

The date for the 2020 Pancake Breakfast is: Saturday February 22nd, at the Cooper House.

Optimist Club Shirts



As of this date no one has ordered a Club shirt. We will be placing an order for shirts as soon as someone requests them. The Gildan Polos are \$20, and the Blue Generation dress shirts (long or short sleeve) will be \$25. Please let Tom Casteel (tom@leetsac.net) know what styles and size you need. You will be billed with your next dues statement

Closing

President Lee had our guest Jim King draw for the attendance prize. He drew Autumn Robinson first, then Eureka Thompson, and finally Matt Clarke as the winner. Joseph led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Tom Casteel

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain.”

~Vivian Greene

CALENDAR

November 5th Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR
Board Meeting

November 14th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Food – Vastell Williams)
- NOTE TIME and PLACE CHANGE -

November 28th Thursday - **NO MEETING - Thanksgiving**



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

December 3rd Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR
Board Meeting

December **TBD**
Christmas Party

December 12th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Bob Hirschbuehler)
- NOTE TIME and PLACE CHANGE -

December 26th Thursday - **NO MEETING – CHRISTMAS**



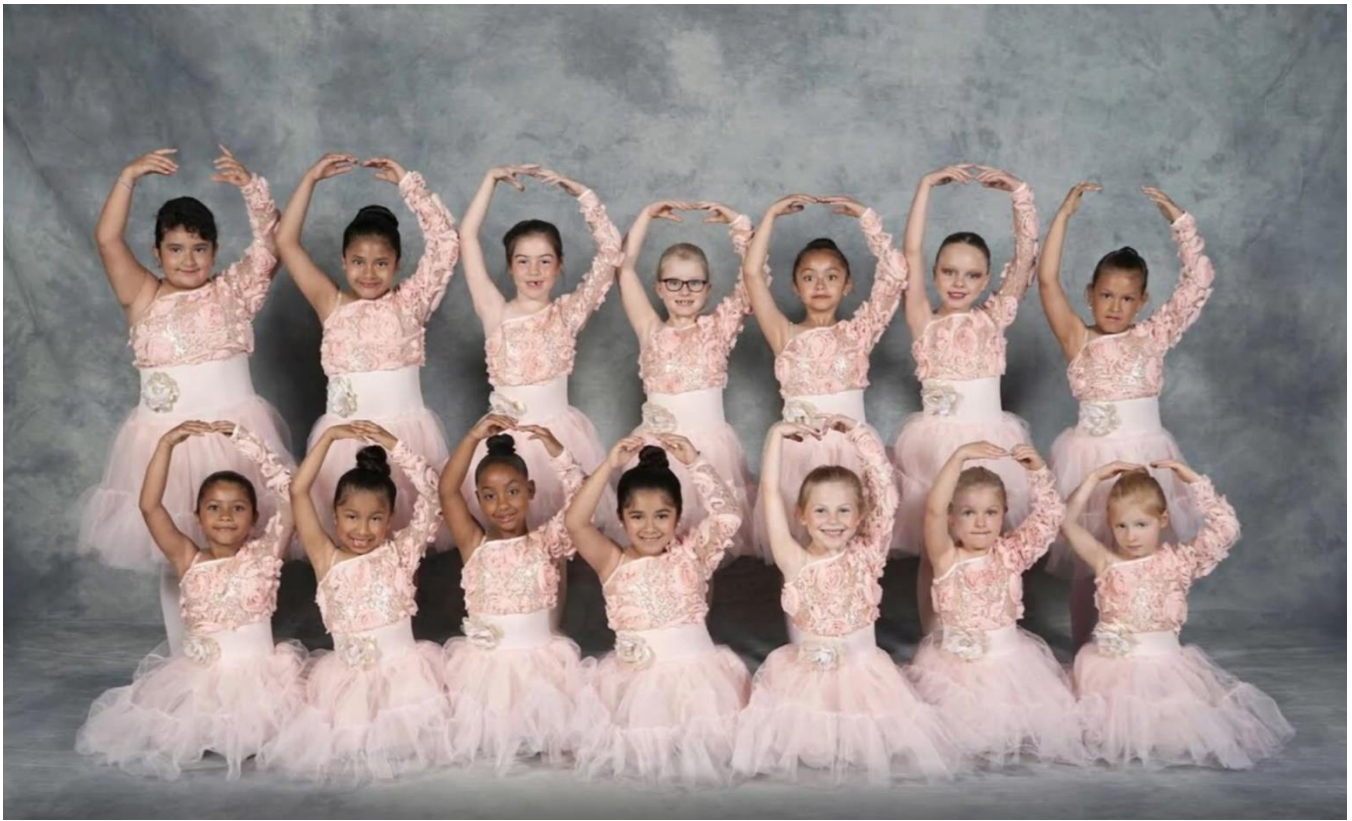
Photos



The “Before View” of the area for the Dance Studio



The Completed Room, Note the Club Emblem on the Back Wall



Class 1



Class 2



The Whitesburg Junior Optimist Club Officers are Installed



Vice President Russ Thomas [Right] Installs Lt. Governors Ester Stubbs [Left] (Zone 3 Our Zone) and Lt, Governor Flora Wilson [Middle] (Zone 7)



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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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