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Opti - Topics

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November 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. He then asked Juanita Lee to give the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob Hirschbuhler provided lunch today. We had ham and cheese sandwiches, salad with choice of dressings, German potato salad, vegetable soup, vegan cornbread, cookies and sheet cake, and a variety of beverages. Good job Bob!

Opening



Alberto had to leave early, so President Joseph asked him to conduct the election for a vacant post on the Huntsville Foundation

Board. **Tom Rumph** was elected on the first ballot. Congratulations, Tom.



Alberto Duarte reported that the Huntsville Optimist Foundation balances were: Regions: \$904,478, SYNOVUS: \$185,808, Total: \$1,090,286

Alberto also announced that **Jim King**, his guest at our last meeting will be joining our club in January.

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



Club Secretary-Treasurer presented his financial report. The clubs bank balance was 15312.11 at the end of October.

Al also announced that our Club was Number ONE in our size division and Number ONE Overall in the Achievement and Awards (A & A) program. Al noted that we have been number one, six of the last eight years.

Band Loan Program Members Needed We still need some members to manage two schools: Huntsville Jr. High, and Chapman School. For these two 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 announced that our next District Conference will be held January 24-26, 2020, at the beautiful Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge, 1155 Lodge Drive, Guntersville, AL, 35976. If you plan to stay at the hotel, make your reservations BEFORE DECEMBER 9th.

Miscellaneous

A committee has been assigned to investigate a new location. Tell President Joseph or any Board member if you know of a place you would recommend.

Mark your calendar with the date for the 2020 Pancake Breakfast. It will be on Saturday February 22nd, at the Cooper House.

Vastell Williams reported that the deadline for STEM grant applications has passed and that the STEM committee has reviewed them and will make their decisions on November 18th. The STEM award ceremony will be held at the Optimist Recreational Center at 9:00 am on December 11th.

Joseph announced that there will be a meeting with the basketball coaches to schedule the Tri-Star Basketball contest.

Eureka announced they are ordering the pecans. Members are encouraged to sell ten bags or if they wish not to sell them to donate \$50 to the club which is the profit made from the sales of ten bags. This fundraiser is what allows us to cover small projects that come up during the year that are not in our budget or can't be covered by the foundation due to tax laws.

President Joseph finished the meeting by proposing that we consider using a video conferencing system to stream our meetings. He will recommend to the board that we study how this could be implemented. Streaming our meetings would our members to participate in a meeting that they could not physically attend

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 minimum order is six shirts. 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 dues statement

Closing

President Lee had Jesse Lang draw for the attendance prize. He drew Connie Gipson first, then Juanita Lee as the winner. Joseph led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Tom Casteel

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“Gratitude is one of the most powerful human emotions. Once expressed, it changes attitude, brightens outlook, and broadens our perspective.”

~ Germany Kent

2019 CALENDAR

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



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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

December 5th Thursday **6:00 pm** Optimist Recreation Center
Christmas Party

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

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



2020 CALENDAR

January 7th Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR
Board Meeting



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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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