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February Evening Meeting

Fifteen Optimists, two young guests, plus our speaker and her assistant assembled at the Blue Plate Cafe for our February Evening Meeting.

Opening

President Joseph Lee called our meeting to order. He then asked Jim Roe to give the invocation. President Lee led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lee then welcomed everyone. Our visitors were Eureka's twins and Jennifer Jordan, our speaker's assistant.

Announcements

President Lee announced that our Pancake Breakfast for the Hawthorne Conservatory will be held on Saturday, February 19. We start serving at 7:30 am, please try to be there early.

After a meeting with the City of Huntsville Recreation Officials, February 29 has been set for the Tri-Star Basketball event. The Gymnasium is reserved from 9 am to Noon. We will conduct our regular Tri-Contest from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Afterwards in partnership with the City of Huntsville Recreation Department we will have an Adaptive Athlete program. This new program will help our Club reach even more youth in our community.

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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Speaker

After our meal, 1st Vice President Demetria Braudaway introduced our speaker, Dorothy Havens, Workforce Development Director for Ktech, a workforce initiative of the Kids to Love Foundation.

Dorothy has more than 35 years of progressive experience in sales, company management, advertising, marketing, event planning, human resources, operations and financial management. In 2015 she joined Lee Marshall and the Kids to Love Foundation as the Director of Workforce Development for KTECH.

KTECH is a workforce training initiative of the Kids to Love Foundation. The training provided by KTECH helps the underserved population attain the necessary skills in Mechatronics. These skills are used in the advanced manufacturing industry.

The students complete four levels of studies in the Mechatronics Lab covering Electrical Components, Mechanical Components and Electrical Drives, Electro Pneumatic and Hydraulic Control Circuits, and Digital Fundamentals and Programmable Logic Controllers.

They also attend classes in the Life Lab where they study character, wisdom, knowledge and influence.

In addition to the Mechatronics Diploma track students may obtain certification in soldering, earning the Credential: IPC-J-STD-001 Certified IPC Application Specialist or in robotics, earning the Credential: Yaskawa Industrial Robotic Certification in FS100 Basic.

After her talk President Lee gave Dorothy an Optimist Creed Coaster as a token of our appreciation for speaking to us.

Closing

President Lee had Dorothy draw for the attendance prize. Mattie Henderson won on the first draw. President Lee asked Jim King, our newest member, Jim King, to lead the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Tom Casteel

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

~ Barack Obama

CALENDAR

- February 22nd Saturday **7:30 am – 11:30 am** Cooper House – 405 Randolph Ave
Pancake Breakfast
- February 27th Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Demetria Braudaway)
- February 29th Saturday **9:00 am – 12:00 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Tri-Star Basketball Contest
- March 3rd Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR
Board Meeting
- March 7th Saturday **11:00 am – 3:00 pm** John Hunt Park Festival Grounds
Annual Community Kite Festival
- March 7th Saturday **9:00 am** Union Chapel Church, 315 Winchester Rd NE
Oratorical Contest
- March 12th Thursday **6:00 pm** Blue Plate Café, 7540 Memorial Pkwy SW
Evening Meeting
- March 26th Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Tom Casteel)



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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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