

# Opti - Topics

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Pres. Jim Roe asked Jim Pepper to open today's meeting with a prayer and to lead us in the pledge of allegiance. We had a good attendance (more than 25).

Fabiani's guest was Nancy Steeve from Grace Lutheran Middle School which he attended. They're working to develop a history of the accomplishments of their alumni. Since sponsor Jim Berry was not present today Pres. Jim asked Zack to do the honors of attaching a membership pin to George McDonough, and to present him with a new member kit.

Jim asked how many had given out a copy of the Optimist Creed to potential new members and invited them to a meeting. Several hands went up. Jim had a supply of more cards, as needed. This may prove to be an effective way to spread Optimism.



Jesse Lang introduced our Oratorical Contest winner, who was accompanied by her sister and mother. She made a very poised repeat presentation of her speech, and became evident that she benefited from the many remarks offered by our members following her initial presentation.

Unfortunately, the noise level was quite high owing to a full dining room just outside our door. This will not be the case when she next competes at the city of Madison Public Library on Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 pm. Try to be present to support the contestants as they advance toward the District contest.

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# Internet Safety

Tom Casteel next made a presentation aimed at Internet Safety for young internet users. He

started out with an equation, On Line Action =? He gave several examples of instances of cyberbullying where many users gang up to destroy an individual's reputation by spreading damaging information. Try to think before taking any action along this line. Tom stressed not to give out too much personal information, e.g., cell phone numbers or passwords, and becoming a victim. Don't hesitate to tell someone if any on line experience makes you uncomfortable. In summation he emphasized that On Line Actions can result in unwanted Off Line Consequences. He gave many shocking illustrations. When he's through polishing up his presentation, Tom plans to make DVDs available for showing to appropriate groups of young people.

Jim Pepper passed around a basket for Logan McElyea, indicating he's undergoing treatment in Memphis for a few weeks and hopes to be able to visit our club again, soon. Al Renz took the attendance prize.

Carl W.



## Optimistic Quote of The Week

**" Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow. It's what sunflowers do. "**

*Helen Keller*

## CALENDAR

- 3/31 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**CollegeCounts 529 - Will Shafferman**
- 4/5 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Commercial Bank  
**Board Meeting**
- 4/7 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**Country Western Singer - Cristina Lynn**
- 4/14 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**Austin Boyd - Choose Life**
- 4/16 Saturday 1:00 pm Madison Public Library  
130 Plaza Blvd  
Madison, AL  
Just off Hughes Road  
**Regional Oratorical Contest**
- 4/21 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food Al Renz**
- 4/26 Tuesday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ  
**Youth Appreciation Week Banquet**
- 4/28 Thursday **NO MEETING**
- 5/2 Monday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ  
**Respect For Law Banquet**
- 5/5 Thursday **NO MEETING**
- 5/9 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Commercial Bank  
**Board Meeting**
- 5/12 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**TBA - Jack Fauble**