



Opti - Topics

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Opening

Eighteen Optimists and four guests attended our meeting at the Downtown Holiday Inn. President Jim Pepper opened the meeting by calling on Dr. Sydney Sandridge for our opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Al Renz introduced his wife Marlene (who needed no introduction), his daughter Cheryl and her friend Selia. Tom Casteel introduced his grandson Joshua Childs, a home-schooled second grader.

Oratorical Contest Winner Practice

Alyce Hester, the winner of our Club's Oratorical Contest, began today's program by giving her speech. Alyce will participate in the Regional Contest this coming Saturday, so this served as a warm-up for this competition as well as allowing Club members who missed the contest to hear her. She had upgraded her speech a little based on judges' inputs, and it was very well received. The topic this year is "How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles."

Program

Al Renz introduced Cristina Lynn, a country singer who had brought a program to our Club last year, as well. Cristina is a local singer/song writer who is a big supporter of Heals, Inc., which has been one of our Club's annual recipients of a Community Service Grant. Cristina participated in the Annual Fund Raiser for Heals, Inc., and raised over \$22,000. Cristina's selections were: *I Fall to Pieces*; *Snow Thunder*; *Don't Blink, Today*; *Coat of Many Colors*; and *Peace, Faith, Love, and Hope*. Four of these songs were written by Cristina. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed her singing and guitar accompaniment. She invited attendees to

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visit her web site, www.cristinalynn.com. She is available for singing engagements in special events, including weddings.

Announcements

Jim Pepper announced that Gay will be contacting everyone about attending the **Youth Appreciation Banquet** on April 26th at the Mayfair Church of Christ. She especially asked that JOOI Club points of contact get the word out to JOOI Club sponsors so they can plan to have representatives at the banquet.

Zack Thompson announced that there will be a **3-mile walk** this Saturday on the UA Huntsville campus to raise funds for wounded veterans' programs. The university's president will lead the way. Zack's grandson is in charge of the event.

Al Renz says he still needs some **judges for the 4H Club Rodeo** to be held at Alabama A & M on Tuesday, April 24. The need is greater this year since the Rodeo has been moved to a week day, making judges harder to come by.

Al Renz has **4 Club shirts available** for sale at \$15 each. He said he believes he has the sizes to meet anyone's need.

Don't forget that **election of officers** will be on the agenda for our business meeting next week.

Closing

Nate Showers, George Ferrell and Nancy Vaughn missed out on the attendance prize. Jesse Lang finally took home the pot, saying he would buy a tank of gas with the money (lots of luck, Jesse).

Carl Winkler led the recitation of the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

"Building a practice of gratitude is the best way I know to create an optimistic approach to life. Start each day by lying in bed for five minutes and mentally acknowledging what you are grateful for."

~Silken Laumann

CALENDAR

- 4/19 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Al Renz)
- 4/19 Thursday 2:00 pm Regions Bank
Foundation Board Meeting
- 4/26 Thursday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ
Youth Appreciation Banquet
- 5/1 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Club Board Meeting

OFFICIAL NOTICE

We will be voting on the 2012-2013 Club Officers at the April 19, 2012 business meeting. The slate is as follows:

PRESIDENT: **Tom Casteel**

1st VICE PRESIDENT: **Jack Fauble**

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: **George McDonough**

DIRECTOR: **Connie Gipson**

DIRECTOR: **Matt Hancock**

DIRECTOR: **Jim Roe**

OFFICIAL NOTICE

We will be voting on the following changes to our Bylaws at the April 19, 2012 business meeting.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

Number the four un-numbered paragraphs after Section 2 as Section 3 through Section 6 to match the formatting of the first two paragraphs.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTION PROCEDURE

FROM:

The election of Club officer(s) and Directors should be completed not later than April 30.

TO:

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ARTICLE X - REVENUE

FROM:

Section 2: Annual dues shall be \$ 440 per member, payable in advance on a quarterly basis.

TO:

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