



# Opti - Topics

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## Opening

On this super warm day seventeen Optimists and our speaker were present at our meeting today. It was good to see Jim Pepper at the meeting today. President Tom Casteel opened the meeting, greeting everyone and asking. Buddy Beck to give the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Roe reported that Dr. Sidney Sandridge has been moved to the **Valley View Nursing & Rehabilitation Center** 5968 Wall Triana Hwy, Madison, AL 35757. This is just north of 72 on the left side as you go north. Tom passed around a photo he found while doing genealogy research of the Mount Fair class of 1932 starring Sidney. Buddy Beck is taking the photo to Sidney.

## Announcements

Tom Casteel reminded those present that we need more members to staff the JOOI and band programs that we are expanding. He told us how he had put off inviting a new neighbor to join the Optimists because he thought that the individual was too busy with work and kids. Then to his surprise when the neighbor came to an Optimist meeting, as a guest of a co-worker. The neighbor joined the club and became a very active member. Tom told us we too often say we'll invite someone when we get around to it. To solve this problem Tom passed out a round TUIT token to everyone. Since you have a round TUIT, just do it.

## **There will not be a meeting on July 5th.**

Tom also asked everyone that wanted to help with school supplies for Morris Elementary School to bring them to the July 12th meeting. They will be collected and taken to the school.

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## Program

Duane Plank introduced today's speaker, Kayrl Gardner, Leadership Program Director for Leadership Huntsville Madison County



Kayrl complemented us for all the programs that we focus on that benefit the children of Huntsville. She told us the Leadership

Huntsville is celebrating their 25 anniversary in Madison county and is one of the largest Leadership programs in the southeast have over 2100 graduates across nine programs. Their mission is to identify, educate and inspire local leaders. Their flagship program is 10 months long.

Part of their training is to develop a project to assist in an area that they believe they can provide servant Leadership and improve conditions.

One such program is the Free 2 Teach project that provides free supplies to teachers for their classrooms. The teachers were spending an average of \$500 a year on supplies their students could not afford. Another is their work with Lincoln Academy. Children were taken to various industries and out to Redstone Arsenal where they were able to see possibilities beyond their own communities. One young man sitting in a helicopter for the first time said " I could be a helicopter pilot."

Another program called the Masters Program. Its Purpose is to enhance knowledge of seasoned talent about Huntsville / Madison County's successes and challenges and inspire each to pursue opportunities that enrich their lives and the community. Masters gives those at or approaching retirement the networks and resources to have an active, meaningful retirement.

Our own member Alfred Adams is a graduate of the Masters Program.

## Closing

Tom presented Kayrl one of our Optimist Creed coasters for speaking to us. Jesse Lang won the attendance prize on the first draw. John Shirley led the recitation of the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

**Don't Forget: WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!**

**Invite someone to our July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

*Tom Casteel*

## Optimistic Quote of the Week

**"A #2 pencil and a dream can take you anywhere."**

*~Joyce A. Myers*

## CALENDAR

7/5 Thursday **NO MEETING**



7/10 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Commercial Bank  
**Board Meeting**

7/12 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**TBD - Alberto Duarte**

7/19 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food - (Alberto Duarte)**

7/26 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**TBD - Alberto Duarte**

## THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself -

**T**o be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

**T**o talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

**T**o make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

**T**o look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true

**T**o think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

**T**o be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

**T**o forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

**T**o wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

**T**o give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

**T**o 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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