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Nineteen Optimists and one guest assembled for our meeting today. Our guest was Dan McDonough, George's son. This is Dan's second visit, so we anticipate him becoming a new member soon. It was reported that Al Renz was visiting his grandchildren in the Seattle area, so we missed him today.

Opening

President Tom Casteel was on his way to the District Meeting in Tuskegee, so Vice President George McDonough presided today. George asked Dr. Sidney Sandridge to open the meeting in prayer, and Clyde Nevins to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

George opened the meeting by giving a short speech encouraging our members to recruit others to our ranks. He said he would have joined much earlier had someone only told him about the goals and activities of our Club. He opined there are many like him out there just waiting to be asked. His message: We can do better!

Program

This month's program chairman, Fabiani Duarte, introduced Dr. Harry Hobbs, Communications Relations Officer for the Huntsville Police Department, and his wife Erica, who came to speak to us today about Community Awareness for Youth (C.A.F.Y.).

Dr. Hobbs related about how he had a vision over a year ago to start a program designed to encourage youth of our community to pursue higher education and become good citizens. With support of city leaders, the first C.A.F.Y. event was held last August for city youth, and over 1,000 attended. This year, the program has expanded to include youth in all

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of Madison County, and more than 3,000 youth are expected to be there.

The event is designed to attract attendance of our youth by incorporating live music, dance groups, fast food, attendance prizes, and a variety of interactive demonstrations—all free. Free book bags filled with school supplies will be given to the first 500 youth who attend. The event is targeted for youth from 7th grade through 12th grade, but youth of all ages are welcome.

Mrs. Hobbs stated that there will be 90 organizations represented at the event, with 70 indoor and 20 outdoor booths. Booths will be sponsored by law enforcement groups, youth organizations, civic organizations, HEMSI, NASA, Army, and the Space and Rocket Center. Many will provide opportunities for networking with the youth afterwards.

Dr. & Mrs. Hobbs invited Optimists to attend the event, and any donations to help with the expenses of the event would be welcome. The Mayor has designated the event to be held annually on the third Saturday in August. This year's C.A.F.Y. event will be:

August 18, 10:00 a. m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Jaycees Building, 2180 Airport Road.

Optimists are encouraged to attend. It looks like something we would want to be a part of in future years to promote our JOOI Clubs and Optimism in general.

Closing

Dr. Hobbs did not draw George McDonough's name, but he pretended to in order to comply with a set-up by Jim Berry designed to embarrass George. The real winner of today's attendance prize was Jim Roe. Carl Winkler led the recitation of the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Don't Forget: WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!

Invite someone to our August 23rd meeting.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.”

~Edward Everett Hale

CALENDAR

- 8/16 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Fabiani Duarte)
- 8/23 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Fran Fuhler, Manna House
- 8/30 **5TH THURSDAY - NO MEETING**
- 9/4 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting
- 9/6 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Dr. Casey Wardynski - Huntsville City Schools
- 9/13 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
TBD - Jim Roe
- 9/20 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Jim Roe)
- 9/27 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
TBD - Jim Roe

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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