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Opening

A sparse turnout of only 12 Optimists assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for the Club's monthly business meeting. President Tom Casteel called on Jim Berry to give the invocation today, and Carl Winkler led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Alberto Duarte was again our chef for the luncheon, pitching in for his son, Fabiani Duarte, who was out of town today. The barbeque and sides were delicious and plentiful, and your editor particularly enjoyed the coconut cream pie.

BUSINESS SESSION

President Tom called the meeting to order. He announced that some information on the current member roster has been reported to him as being out of date or erroneous, and the roster will be checked and reissued.

Committee Assignments for Next Year

President Tom next asked the attendees to scan the handouts provided at each seating position. In particular, he asked everyone to fill in their preferred committee assignments, and to indicate if they would be willing to chair a particular committee. He noted there were a couple of committees reactivated on this year's list: The Policy and Bylaws Committee and the Membership Committee. He also called attention to the sheet being passed for members to sign up for monthly program chairperson. There were still several open months to be filled in after passing through all attendees.

Club members are also needed as monitors for each of our six current JOOI Clubs, and sign-up for the various

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schools was also solicited. Several additional JOOI Clubs are anticipated not long after school starts.

Financial Report

A copy of the Clubs financial report for the period of October 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012 was provided to each attendee. Treasurer Al Renz is still off in Seattle spoiling his grandchildren, so there was no review of the report. President Tom said the Club's Board of Directors had reviewed and approved the report.

District Meeting Report

Tom reported that the District Meeting in Tuskegee was a rousing success. Attendees elected Ms. Lenor Cox to be next year's governor, the first from the state of Louisiana since the merger. OI Vice President Judy Boyd from Iowa installed the new District officers and gave a challenging speech at the Installation Banquet (Tom said the food was great).

Convention attendees discussed how to get more Optimists to attend the District Meetings. They provide excellent training, great food, and very good accommodations as well as good Optimist fellowship. Upcoming District Meetings are:

October 12-14, 2012: Lafayette, Louisiana

February 1-3, 2013: Madison, Alabama

April 19-21, 2013: South Haven, Mississippi

August 15-18, 2013: Montgomery, Alabama

Jeff Klimek Update

President Tom Casteel and Al Renz met with our attorney and an FBI agent to supply information regarding the actions of Jeff Klimek while serving as Club Treasurer. It was reported to them that the case is now being processed as a Federal crime and the matter will be brought to a Grand Jury soon. The FBI agent stated he will personally deliver a letter to Jeff to inform him he is the target of a Federal investigation.

Committee Reports

Current **Band Committee** Chairman Tom Casteel is asking all Band Committee members to join him for lunch at the Casa Blanca restaurant on Bailey Cove Rd. (across from Grissom High School) at 11:30 a. m. this coming Saturday to discuss the upcoming distribution of band instruments and other matters. Tom said he will be treating, so attendance ought to be good. He will send out an e-mail to all Band Committee members.

This year will mark the tenth anniversary of the ROC, the **Randolph School JOOI Club**. Tom has submitted to OI a design for a JOOI Club anniversary certificate, similar to those given to regular clubs, and it has been approved. The first one will be presented to the ROC in September.

Gay Pepper reported that the **Picnic Committee** has a choice of two dates for scheduling our fall picnic at the Everybody Can Play pavilion, September 15 or September 22. Jim Berry moved that September 15 be the selected date. Bob Martin seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Announcements

Tom has arranged for the current District Governor, Helen Howard, to attend our Installation Banquet on September 27 and install the new Club officers.

Our Club is currently in first place in Class II clubs in the District, and is on track to become an honor Club for this year. Tom said his goal as incoming president is for our Club to be a Distinguished Club next year.

Tom reported that neither our bylaws nor our policy manual contains any procedure for processing new members. He will be submitting a change to our policy manual to add such a procedure.

Dr. Casey Wardynski will be speaking to our Club on September 6. Attendance is expected to be well above average, and we will conduct a count of expected attendees so we may alert the Holiday Inn to prepare additional lunches (if needed).

Tom will be out of town next week visiting his new (and only) granddaughter in Canada.

There will be **no meeting on August 30th**, as it is the 5th Thursday of the month.

Closing

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

Don't Forget: WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!

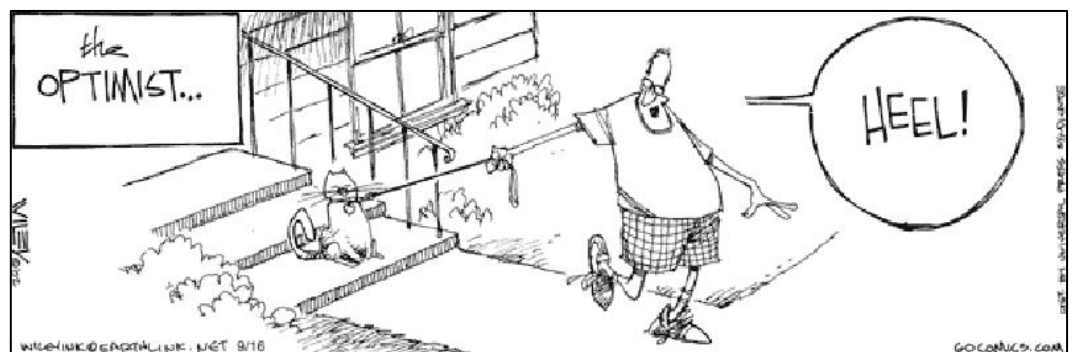
Invite someone to our August 23rd meeting.

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Optimistic Quote of the Week

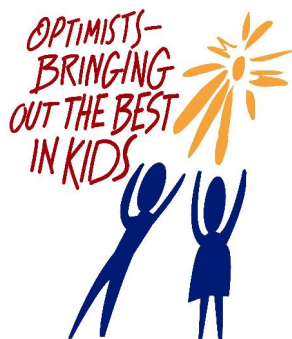
"I have had dreams and I have had nightmares, but I have conquered my nightmares because of my dreams."

~Dr. Jonas Salk



CALENDAR

- 8/23 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Fran Fuhler, Manna House
- 8/30 **5TH THURSDAY - NO MEETING**
- 9/6 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Dr. Casey Wardynski - Huntsville City Schools
- 9/11 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting
- 9/13 **PICNIC SATURDAY - NO MEETING**
- 9/15 Saturday 3:30 pm Everybody Can Play Playground
Annual Picnic
- 9/20 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Jim Roe)
- 9/27 Thursday 6:30 pm Downtown Holiday Inn
Officer Installation - Governor Helen Howard



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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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