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Club meets

1st, 2nd, & 4th Thursdays
At 11:45 am
Downtown Holiday Inn
Huntsville, AL

Opti - Topics

Opening

Our meeting today was attended by 21 members, our speaker and one guest. President Tom asked Reverend Jim Berry to ask the Blessing followed by 'Reverend to be' (maybe) Fabiani Duarte leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

Following our meal, including a fancy desert (hope no one counted the calories) Tom announced that the Nominating Committee had selected the following slate of officers and directors for the next fiscal year:

President – George McDonough
1st Vice President –Milton Williams
2nd Vice President-Alfred Adams
Directors Byrom Goodwin
Bob Martin
Jim Otto

Elections will take place at the Business Meeting on April 18th and nominations will be accepted from the floor. If you intend to nominate someone, be sure to get their approval ahead of time.

Alberto announced that our two club Oratorical Contest winners, who had moved on to the Regional Contest in Birmingham last Saturday, both finished 2nd. They both did an outstanding job representing our club.

**Our business meeting
is held on the 3rd
Thursday of the
month at the Optimist
Recreation Center on
Oakwood Avenue**

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Fabiani announced that we would be holding, and hosting, a Zone JOOI Club meeting on May 11th from noon until 4 at Lee High School.

Approximately 20 clubs from North Alabama will be invited. Work shops will be held on Public Speaking, How to recruit members, How to build a sustaining club, and What being a JOOI Club member can mean and how to present it when applying for college. He also stated that installations had been held for the Lee High School and Madison Academy clubs and that the Lee club will begin working on their first film presentation.



Tom called on Alfred Adams to introduce his guest, Vastell Williams, who is a budget analyst at Alabama A & M. Alfred also announced that it is time for all Band Committee coordinators to contact their schools to obtain the outstanding student nomination and get the plaques made for the presentation.



Tom thanked Duane Plank for working with Sheriff Dorning to select our nominee for the Respect for Law banquet that will take place May 6th at Mayfair Church of Christ.



Al Renz announced that we would once again be judges at the 4-H annual competition on April 19 from 9 to noon. So far Fabiani, Bob Martin, Jim Roe and himself had volunteered. Buddy Beck and George McDonough were added to the list. If you are interested, let him know.

Program



Alberto then introduced our speaker, Reverend Jamie Mackey, Minister to students at the First Baptist Church of Huntsville. He has been with First Baptist for 6 years and is from Centre, Alabama. Jamie's talk was on Practicing Passion. He told us that "the adolescent brain is wired for passion; young people today feel it in their bones, proclaim it in their hopes and their hormones, act out its power and herald its promise for the imprecise art of human life." He complimented us for all we do for youth, but challenged us to make sure that we are doing enough to allow our youth to have an opportunity to fulfill their passion. He gave 4 examples of youth that were given the opportunity and the outstanding results.

Tom announced that we had 101 attendees at the Youth Appreciation banquet and thanked Bob Martin and Gay Pepper for an outstanding job.

Our speaker drew Bob Martin's name for the attendance prize and then Carl led us in reciting our Creed.

Al Reng

Optimistic Quote of the Week

When bobbing for apples, an idealist endlessly reaches for the best apple, a pessimist settles for the first one within reach, while an optimist drains the barrel, fishes out all the apples and makes a pie.

~Vera Nazarian

CALENDAR

4/18 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food - (Alberto Duarte)

4/25 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

TBD - Alberto Duarte

5/2 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

TBD - Al Renz

5/6 Monday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ

Respect for Law Banquet

5/9 Thursday **No Meeting**

5/16 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food - (Al Renz)

5/23 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

TBD - Al Renz

5/30 Thursday **No Meeting (5th Thursday)**

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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