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

Opti - Topics

Opening

Twenty two Optimists turned out for our monthly business meeting at the Optimist Research Center today. In the absence of President Tom Casteel, Vice President George McDonough called the meeting to order. Rev. Jim Berry, who is recovering from recent shoulder joint replacement surgery, gave the invocation. Jim Otto led the Club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to late arrival of our lunches today (Tim Vander Veer was held up at a railroad crossing), George elected to begin the business meeting before eating.

Financial Report



Club Treasurer Al Renz distributed the financial report for October 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, and reviewed the highlights from the report. Our support of youth programs resulted in expenses of over \$22,000 dollars for the period, all of which was reimbursed from the Optimist Foundation.

As of today, our bank balance is about \$4,200 which includes recent dues payments, Foundation reimbursements, and credit card rebates.

Al reported he had received an e-mail from the Department of Justice on the status of Jeff Klimek. Jeff is now incarcerated in the Federal Penitentiary at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, AL. He is due to be released November 1, after which, providing he finds a job, he will begin repaying the over \$65,000 due the 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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Al also reported on the Club's Achievement and Awards (A & A) point count for the first three quarters of the year. We now have 53,000 points, a total that would have won the District award for the *entire* year last year (we had about 50,000 points and barely got edged out by the no. 1 club). He anticipates a total of over 60,000 A & A points by the end of the year, and he forecasts a No. 1 ranking for our Club for this year. Most of the points are a result of our founding the several JOOI Clubs.

Committee Reports

Band Committee



Chairman Al Adams reported that the first group of 15 band instruments had been sent to Robbins Music for repair and refurbishment, and about half of these have been finished. The instruments will be sent in batches of about 15, with a batch consisting of instruments of the same type. Al reminded the Band Committee members, and any others who would like to take part, of the upcoming band instrument inventory session on Saturday, June 29, at the ORC. Time: 9 a. m. to about 11:30 a. m. George McDonough said this was light work and fun, and asked for a good turnout.



No one from the **Hospitality Committee** attended the meeting today, so there was no news on plans for our annual picnic. The latest word is that Bob Martin has met with the Board of Trustees at Fords Chapel United Methodist Church to get official permission to use the grounds there, and to finalize the tentative date of Saturday, August 3.



Optimist Foundation

President Bill Clarke reported that the Foundation's account at Regions had grown from \$809,736 at the beginning of May to \$812,300 by May 31. He cautioned, however, that the market in June has been trending downward.

Announcements



If you get this newsletter in time, and have signed up, don't forget to attend the **dedication of the Everybody Can Play playground**. The program starts at 12:00 noon, and lunch will be served. If you didn't sign up for the lunch, you can still come and attend the dedication of the playground. As said 11 of our Club's members had signed up to attend.

New Business



Vice President (and President-to-be) George McDonough reported that at the July 18 Business Meeting the assignment of committee chairpersons and committee members for the coming year will be one of the main agenda items. He encouraged current committee chairman to either consider continuing in their position, or at least serving on the same committee as they now chair. He asked for special consideration to help John Inman on the JOOI Club Committee, since this will be a big job and Fabiani will not be with us.

Closing

Dr. Carl Winkler led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the business part of the meeting. By then the food had arrived and was arranged for our normal buffet line. This month's Program Chairman, Tim Vander Veer had for us a delicious array of salads and sandwiches from Panera Bread Company, along with chips, cookies and drinks.

The meeting, including eating lunch, concluded by 12:45. Maybe we should always have the business session before eating.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

"I'm a great believer in luck and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it."

~Thomas Jefferson

CALENDAR

6/27 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

Leadership – Tom Casteel

7/4 Thursday **No Meeting (Holiday)**



7/9 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank

Board Meeting

7/11 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

Blake Dorning – Madison County Sherriff

7/18 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food – (Duane Plank)

7/25 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

**Dr. Dale Copeland – Chairman of the Board of Education
for Madison County**

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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