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

Opti - Topics

Opening

Twenty-nine Optimists turned out at our regularly scheduled meeting at the Downtown Holiday Inn today to honor Fabiani Duarte. Our lunch included a delicious chicken breast cooked with sliced strawberries and crusted with thin slices of potato. It was good to have Chev Kellogg and his wife Betty. Jessie Lang brought his wife Pat, Duane Plank brought Elaine, John Inman brought his wife Angela, Alberto brought Fabiani's friend Megan McFerran and Carl Winkler brought his grandson, Graham Burkett.

Alberto Duarte gave the invocation, and Peggy Otto led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Program

After our meal President Tom Casteel started the program by reading congratulatory notes from Milt Williams and Clyde Nevins who were not able to attend.

He then had Carl Winkler read his tribute to Fabiani.

At this point Tom told us that Fabiani was fond of David Letterman's Top Ten Lists. He called on John Inman to read his **"Top 10 Ways To Determine If Someone Is Lying When They Say That They Are A Close, Personal Friend Of Fabiani Duarte."**

Tom called on Matt Hancock to read his **"Top Ten Things We Will Miss About Fabiani Duarte."**

Next Alberto read his **"TOP Ten Reasons Fabiani Decided To Go To LAW and DIVINITY Schools"**

(Transcripts are at the end of the Newsletter)

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

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After the laughter had subsided, Tom presented Fabiani a walnut plaque with a proclamation laser engraved on it. He also presented Fabi with a copy of "Blacks Law Dictionary" and a certificate of paid up membership until he finishes college in 2016.

A special cake with Mercer University's colors was then served. Fabiani then thanked the club for all its support of him. He thinks of the members as his Moms and Dads. He then thanked his Mother and Father for all their support.

Closing

Fabiani drew Jim Otto's name for the attendance prize. We all stood and Fabiani led us in the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Remember there is no meeting on July 4th.



Optimistic Quote of the Week

**"I have never heard anything about the resolutions
of the apostles, but a good deal about their acts."**

~ Og Mandino

**Don't Forget: WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!
Invite someone to our July 11th meeting.**

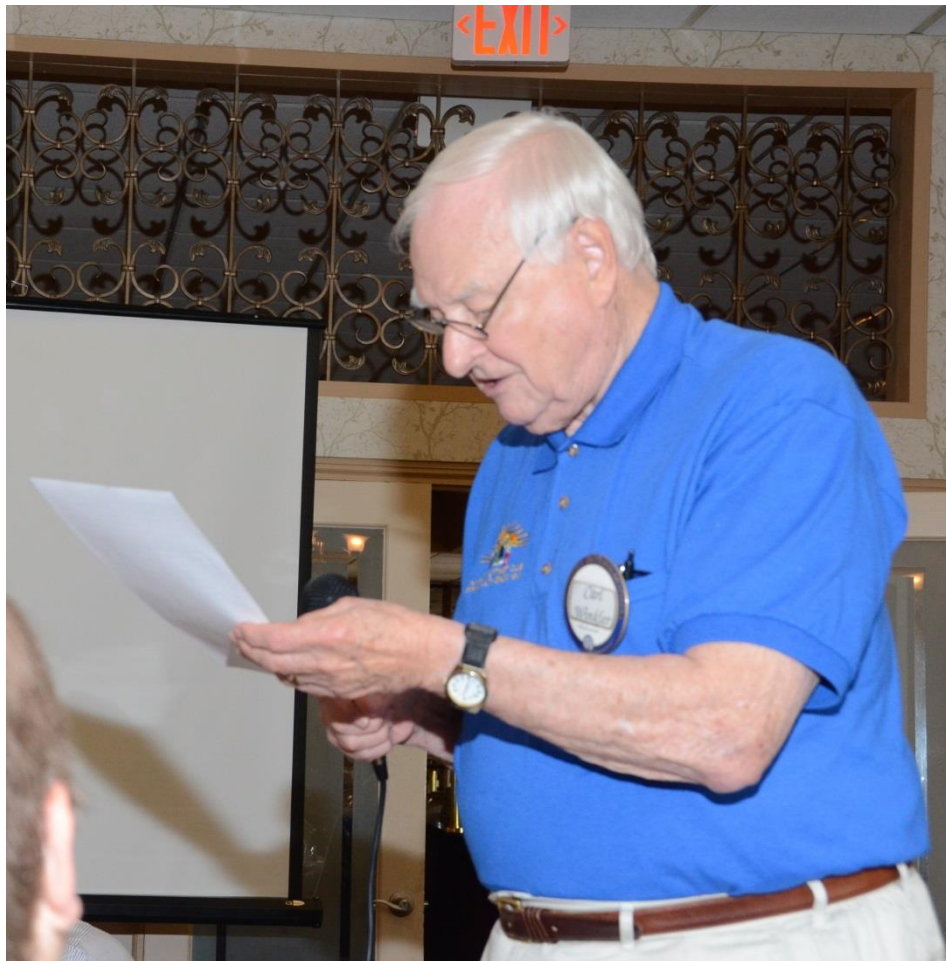
PHOTOS



Fabiani Arrives to His Surprise Farewell Meeting



Fabiani's Cake With Mercer University Colors



Carl Winkler Reads His Tribute to Fabiani



John Inman Reads His Top Ten



Matt Hancock Reads His Top Ten



Alberto Duarte Reads His Top Ten



President Tom Presents Fabiani a Commendation for Excellence in Optimism

TRIBUTE TO FABIANI

As I look back over nearly 6 decades of membership in the Huntsville Optimist Club a few people have made noteworthy contributions to our success, but Fabiani leads that group. I first became aware of his talent as a 10-year old ice skater. I think he was a student at Grace Lutheran School. It wasn't long before we learned more of his talents as he became a regular winner of Optimist Oratorical and Essay Contests. When he enrolled in high school at Randolph his leadership talents became further honed to include theater and organizational skills. This culminated in the chartering of a Junior Optimist (JOOI Club) at that school with Fabiani installed as President.

His experiences continued to evolve at Vanderbilt where he quickly became a force in student government. It became evident that he knew how to lead. Eventually, he was recognized as their most outstanding student, and was so honored during a Southeastern Conference football half-time event. After graduating from Vandy he returned to Huntsville, became our youngest club member, and dedicated himself to growing the JOOI Club program. To do this he developed a close relationship with Huntsville's Superintendent of Education, and with strong support from a Veterans organization many JOOI Clubs began to emerge. At last count, I think we have 12 clubs either fully organized or nearly so. Without Fabiani's dedication and self-motivation none of this would have happened.

I've often told him that I hope to live long enough to observe his pressing on to greater achievements in the future. I believe they will be remarkable, and even unbelievable. Leadership at the Optimist International level, based on his unprecedented performance as a JOOI Club organizer, should just be a matter of time. After that I see no limit to the impact he could have as the Latin Wave sweeps through our country. Keep up the good work at Mercer. We look forward with you.

Carl W.

Top 10 Ways To Determine If Someone Is Lying When They Say That They Are A Close, Personal Friend Of Fabiani Duarte.

10. Claims that he has never seen him wear a bow tie.
9. States that Fabi was his favorite “wing-man” on the singles scene, because only the homeliest women in the bars were interested in him.
8. For such an articulate young man, I never understood why he was so afraid of public speaking.
7. Fabi sure, isn’t he the man with the really long hair that’s on the cover of all those romance novels, and TV commercials?
6. Fabi going to law school. That guy couldn’t spell lawyer if you spotted him the L the W and the Y.
5. Of course Fabi is a great guy, but shouldn’t a man like get involved in the community a little bit?
4. Sure, I know him from Randolph. He was there on an athletic scholarship.
3. He used to come to all of our club meetings. But whenever he was asked to speak, he would just say one or two words, and then sit down.
2. He talks a lot about getting involved with kids, but when does he ever do anything with kids.

And The Number One Way To Determine If Someone Is Lying When They Say That They Are A Close Personal Friend Of Fabiani Duarte.

1. Yeah I know Fabi, he was never late to any of our meetings.

Top Ten Things We Will Miss About Fabiani

10. By the time Fabiani finishes his speech at the 9th grade band awards, all the kids are in 10th grade.
9. If the lights are low Fabiani's teeth will up light the room.
8. JOOI Clubs don't set themselves up.
7. Gordon Gee will no longer have a single person in Alabama to defend him.
6. Most people have finished desert by the time Fabiani has individually spoken to each person the room.
5. We will miss Fabiani's delightful enthusiasm and optimistic attitude. We will miss those things because there will be none left after law school.
4. When Fabiani recites "coming events," two of them have occurred by the time he is finished.
3. We will miss that Fabiani is one of the only two Columbians in the world who don't drink coffee.
2. The Club dress code will take a decided turn for the worse.
1. **Now**, who is going to translate for Alberto?

TOP Ten Reasons Fabiani Decided To Go To LAW and DIVINITY Schools:

10. To be able to bargain with his dad two degrees for the price of one.
9. To be able to come back and solve the Klimek's fiasco.
8. To allow the club to have a second opinion instead of relying in Matt all the time.
7. To be able to prosecute Jeff Klimek and condemn him to hell at the same time.
6. To be able to either collect or charge-by-the-hour in his speeches.
5. To be able to compete with Dr. Sandridge and Jim Barry in the new Club project: The Most Optimist Sermon Contest.
4. To be able to not only establish but also baptize the officers of the JOOI clubs.
3. To be able to talk Jesus into creating the first JOOI club in Heaven.
2. To be able to talk Saint Peter into wearing bowties in Heaven.
1. To be able to become the first Hispanic-Preacher-Lawyer-President of *the US*.



COMMENDATION
FOR
EXCELLENCE IN OPTIMISM



WHEREAS, the Optimist Club of Huntsville recognizes the outstanding work of Fabiani Duarte as an outstanding member who exemplifies the ideals of the Optimist Creed;

WHEREAS, Fabiani Duarte has shown a dedication to the cause of optimism and a commitment to the Optimist Club of Huntsville that is without equal;

WHEREAS, Fabiani Duarte has asserted himself to promote and extend the ideals of the Optimist Club of Huntsville;

WHEREAS, Fabiani Duarte has exhibited undying energy and devotion to establish JOOI Clubs in and around Huntsville, Alabama, in the form of developing a partnership with the Huntsville City Schools and Still Serving Veterans to promote and support JOOI clubs in sixteen city schools.

WHEREAS, Fabiani Duarte's boundless energy and devotion have proven to be extraordinarily successful in recruiting members for multiple JOOI Clubs and sustaining the functionality of the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Optimist Club of Huntsville commends Fabiani Duarte for the manner in which he exemplifies the spirit of optimism in his work, life, and service of youth as an enthusiastic leader, mentor, and organizer; and

FURTHER, the Optimist Club of Huntsville commends Fabiani Duarte not only as a successful promoter of optimism, but as a cheerful, innovative and driven member who inspires youth and Optimist Club members alike.

Given under my hand:

June 6, 2013

PRESIDENT,
OPTIMIST CLUB OF HUNTSVILLE

CALENDAR

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

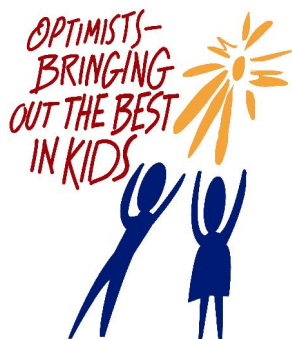
Blake Dorning – Madison County Sherriff

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**



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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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