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**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**

**At 11:45 am**

**Check Website for  
location**

**[hsvoptimists.org](http://hsvoptimists.org)**

# Opti - Topics

## **Business Meeting**

Our business meeting at Huntsville Optimist Park today only drew 13 members. When Clyde Nevins left to attend a band concert at one of our schools, which left us on the bubble for having a majority. I guess it didn't matter too much since we didn't have any motions that required a vote.

## **Opening**

We started eating early since the food was ready. Meal consisted of brisket of beef on seeded buns with Swiss cheese slices (optional), potato salad, slaw, and an option of cake slices and/or raspberry or apricot Kalakos. All prepared by Chef Marlene. After arrival of more members, President Alfred asked George McDonough to ask the blessing and then he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Guest Presentation**



We normally don't have speakers at our business meeting, but we had a special request, because of limited time, that Libby Parker be allowed to talk to us today. She is facilitator for the HOPE Leadership Academy. I participated in the program last year with Tom Howell.

She needs volunteers at Buckhorn Middle School on June 12, Madison County Elementary on June 26, and Sparkman Middle School on July 14. Several people volunteered and I hope we can fill all her requirements. It is a very worthwhile program.

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

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## **Finances**

President Alfred then called on me to give my monthly financial report. I reported that for the 7 months, October thru April, we had revenues of \$ 11,054.20 and expenses of \$ 7,773.18 for a net of \$ 3,281.02. I also pointed out that since most of our dues are paid during the first month of the quarter, we could expect a loss during the May-June period, but that we should finish the 9 months ending June with net income well in excess of \$ 2,000. Our youth activities expenditures for the 7 months were \$ 11,639.12 and we had been reimbursed by the Foundation for all but \$ 3,209.74 and that amount had been submitted for reimbursement.

## **Committee Reports**

I reported that our Community Service Grant program is in its final stage. All committee members have voted and I have compiled a proposed grant distribution based on the input I received. If there is any major disagreement we will get together and come to a unanimous decision. That will then be presented to the club and if approved it will be presented to the Foundation.

President Alfred talked about the Youth Appreciation Banquet and that in his opinion it was a huge success. He complimented Gay on an outstanding job, and for the work that Tom and others did to make it a success.



Tom Casteel reported that the Band Committee members are actively picking up band instruments from the schools and attending concerts.



Gay reported that she had talked to Blue Plate restaurant and they expect to be in business in about 30 days. Until we can try them out, we will continue to meet at Optimist Park.

Tom brought up our annual summer picnic, stating that it had been held at Ford's Chapel pavilion the past year and that it had worked out well there. After some discussion, it was decided to bring it up at the next board meeting.

President Alfred reported that the board had decided to have another pecan sale fund raiser and details would be forthcoming.

### **Closing**

There being no new business, President Alfred asked Dr. Carl Winkler to lead us in the reciting of our Creed, which he did in normal exuberant way. I love the way you do it Carl.

Your substitute editor,

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### **Optimistic Quote of the Week**

**"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."**

*~William James*

### **Humor of the Week**

My teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. So the teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now...

# CALENDAR

- 5/28 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**Dr Willie Brunetti – Care Giving**
- 6/2 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.  
**Board Meeting**
- 6/4 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**Matt Massey – Superintendent, Madison City Schools**
- 6/11 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**Sheriff Blake Dorning**
- 6/18 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food – (Duane Plank)**
- 6/25 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**TBD – Duane Plank**
- 7/2 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**TBD – Jim Roe**
- 7/7 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.  
**Board Meeting**
- 7/9 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**TBD – Jim Roe**
- 7/16 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food – (Duane Plank)**
- 7/23 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**TBD – Jim Roe**
- 7/30 Thursday  
**NO MEETING - 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

## THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself -

**T**o be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

**T**o talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

**T**o make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

**T**o look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true

**T**o think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

**T**o be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

**T**o forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

**T**o wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

**T**o give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

**T**o 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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