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Club meets

1st Thursday

At 6:00 pm

2nd, & 4th Thursdays

At 11:45 am

Mullins Restaurant

Opti - Topics

Tonight's Meeting Mullins Restaurant

Close to a record number (for the past couple of years or more, anyway) of Optimists and guests turned out for our meetings at Mullens tonight. We had 18 members and four guests present. What surely is a record was the number of ladies present tonight: nine!

Two of our guests were Patricia Lang and Marlene Renz, wives of Jesse and Al.

Our other two guests and potential members were Ms. Thai Byars and Ms. Deloris Mastin. Ms. Byars, guest of Al Adams, is in graduate school at Alabama A & M University (and a past president of a JOOI Club at John Herbert high school in Birmingham). Ms. Mastin, guest of Marilyn King-Jordan, is Director of Human Resources and Purchasing at Community Action Partnership.

Opening

President Al Adams asked Rev. Jim Berry to bring the opening prayer and lead the Club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Optimist Family News

I talked with **Duane Plank** this week. Duane explained why he hadn't been able to return telephone calls for nearly three weeks. The surgery to repair the break in his upper femur resulted in such severe pain that he was zonked out on pain killers for a couple of weeks. He is now in Health South undergoing therapy.

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

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Alberto Duarte reported that his wife, **Nelly Duarte**, had complications following her recent knee replacement surgery. She had a serious post-op infection that required her to reenter Huntsville Hospital for treatment. That treatment was successful, and she is due to go home tomorrow.

Tom Casteel reported that he had completed the last radiation treatment on his vocal cord today—much to his relief. The treatments did a number on his voice, to the extent he could only whisper tonight. Tom said this voice should be back to normal in a couple of weeks.

Alberto reported that **Fabiani Duarte** had called him with exciting news that he wanted passed on to the Club. Fabiani will graduate in May, and has a firm job offer with the Air Force's Judge Advocate General Office at Warner Robins AFB. Fabiani interned there this past summer.

Announcements



Kathy Anderson passed around a sign-up sheet for those who will ride in one of the two convertibles we will have in the **Veteran's Day Parade**. She will e-mail on Monday our parade place number to those who signed up so they can have an indication of when to arrive. The parade starts at 11 o'clock, so participants should arrive at the parking lot on Clinton Ave. across from the Post Office about an hour before our scheduled time. Wear your Optimist shirt.



Pecan Sale Chairman George McDonough announced he had placed the order for our pecans and the promised delivery date is November 10 (Tuesday of next week). George will bring the pecans to next week's meeting, so **bring your check book to pay for what you've signed up to sell** (or eat).



President Al Adams announced that the Club's Board of Directors had voted to participate in the Star 99/CAFY's **Young Citizen of the Month** program. We will be represented in the judging the monthly nominees for the award and will provide a \$25 gift certificate to each monthly winner. Al asked for a volunteer to represent the Club at the bi-monthly meetings. The meetings are held at Star 99 at 10 a. m. No takers at the meeting, so call Al if this is something you would do for the Club.



President Al announced that he had attended a meeting of the **Youth Services Council of Madison County**. He reported he had promoted our Essay and Oratorical Contests at the meeting, and received a lot of interest. From this interest he judged that it would be well worth the \$10 a year to join the organization and he signed us up.



Alberto Duarte announced he and Jim Roe had conducted the Officer Installation for the **JOOI Club at Grace Lutheran School**. Alberto reported that Grace Lutheran has started a high school, this being the first year, and this holds promise for a future JOOI Club there.



Christmas Party Chairperson Gay Pepper reported that she is soliciting input on where to have the Club's Christmas party this year. She is checking with the Cooper House, where we've had the party before, but doesn't yet know if it's available. She's shooting for a date of December 10, but may have to adjust this based on availability of facilities. If you have a suggestion, call Gay.

Club Awards



President Al announced that our own **Tom Casteel** had achieved level 10 in the PGI program. There are only four level 10 PGI achievers in the AL-MS District, and Tom is the only one in Alabama. Tom received a beautiful lapel pin (see photo section).

Al Renz was awarded his PGI level 7 certificate and gold backing. I was slow on the camera and didn't get a photo. Al said his goal is for every member to advance one PGI level this year.

New Member Induction



President Al Adams called for new member **Dr. Debbie Hyder** to come forward for her induction into membership in our Club. He read Dr. Hyder's resume, and I was pleasantly surprised to learn that she had taken her medical degree at Oklahoma State University, my alma mater! Dr. Hyder is a pediatric physician in private practice here in Huntsville.

Program

Our program tonight was brought by Ms. Marilyn King-Jordan. Marilyn talked on "How Optimism Can Bring about a Better World." (*Giving a talk such as this is one of the requirements for achieving the PGI level 1 award.*)

Marilyn went through the Optimist Creed promises, one by one, telling what each of the points meant to her personally. She illustrated each Creed promise with a related Bible verse, a favorite poem or a meaningful illustration from her own life. She finished her talk by passing out a sheet of lyrics and having attendees join her in singing the song "Because I'm Happy."

After Marilyn concluded her talk, Al Renz spoke up to say that he has been the chairman of the PGI program for the District and Club level for 10 years, and Marilyn's talk was the best presentation he had heard.

Closing

President Al gave our speaker a tile with the Optimist Creed on it, and asked her to draw a name for our attendance prize. Marilyn first drew Dr. Sidney Sandridge, and then our winner, Richie Myers.

Dr. Carl Winkler, who was able to attend the meeting tonight by the thoughtfulness of Al Adams who picked him up and brought him, led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

"Learning to think positively, to be an optimist, is like strengthening a muscle."

~Krista Weatherspoon

CALENDAR

11/12 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin's Restaurant

TBD - Marilyn King-Jordan

11/19 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food - (Marilyn King-Jordan)

11/26 Thursday **No Meeting**

Happy Thanksgiving

12/1 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank - Whitesburg Dr.

Board Meeting

12/3 Thursday 6:00 pm Mullin's Restaurant

TBD - Gay Pepper

12/10 Thursday 6:00 pm **TBD Christmas Party**

TBD -

12/17 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food - (Gay Pepper)

12/24 Thursday

NO MEETING - CHRISTMAS

- PHOTOS -



Thai Byers, guest of Al Adams



Deloris Mastin, guest of Marilyn King-Jordan



**New member
Dr. Debbie Hyder**



**President (and sponsor) Al Adams
Pins on Dr. Hyder's Optimist lapel
pin**



Gay Pepper admires Tom Casteel's PGI pin



Tom's PGI level 10 pin



Marilyn King-Jordan talks Optimism



Jim Roe with the Grace Lutheran School JOOI Club members



**Sponsor Leslie Shelor (Rear)
With the Randolph Optimist Club (ROC)**

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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