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**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

**At 6:00 pm**

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

**At 11:45 am**

**Mullins Restaurant**

# Opti - Topics

## **Christmas Party Edition**



Twenty-five Optimists and guests enjoyed the Club's annual Christmas Party at the Cooper House tonight. There was some confusion about the starting time, but 6:30 turned out to be it. President Al Adams asked Rev. Jim Berry to bring the invocation.

We enjoyed a tasty buffet with salad, veggies, braized potatoes, baked pork and chicken, along with drinks, rolls and choice of pumpkin cake or pecan pie (or both) for dessert.

Our special guest was Dorothy Clark, widow of past-President Ed Clark. It was good to see Duane Plank able to attend the occasion as well. We enjoyed our usual "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. Thanks to Kathy Anderson's "theft" I didn't have to go home with a women's make-up satchel (or whatever it's called). I much prefer the chocolate-coated almonds I stole from Jim Roe.

Tom Casteel took a bunch of photos, some of which are included in this newsletter. To see more photos from the party, check out the Club's web site.

## **Announcements**



**At next week's business meeting we will be voting to change the Club's dues structure.**

Included in this newsletter is the proposed change to the Club's Policy and Procedure Manual. The change was passed by the Club's board of directors at this month's meeting.

The principal reason for the change is that the Club is losing money for most of the members who pay a flat \$120 to cover both meals and dues for a quarter.

**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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The Club's logo is now on the banner and flyer for the **Star 99.1 Young Citizen of the Month** program. We give a \$25 gift card to each monthly winner. The City's Multicultural Affairs Office puts out a weekly e-mail announcement of upcoming events, and the flyer for our Tri-Star Basketball Contest was included this week.



**If you haven't paid for your allotment of pecans, Al asks that you do so promptly.** President Al wants to close the books on this fundraising project as soon as possible.

## **Reminder**



In the next couple of weeks, the schools at which we have band instruments will be holding their **Christmas Concerts**. If you can attend one or more of them you will see firsthand how our Band Instrument Program is benefiting kids. Here's the known schedule for upcoming concerts:

**Huntsville Middle School** will hold their band concert at Grissom High School on **Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Westlawn Middle School** will hold their Christmas concert on **Monday, December 14 at 6:30 p. m.** in the school's gymnasium.

**McNair Junior High School's** concert is on **Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 p. m.** in the school's gymnasium.

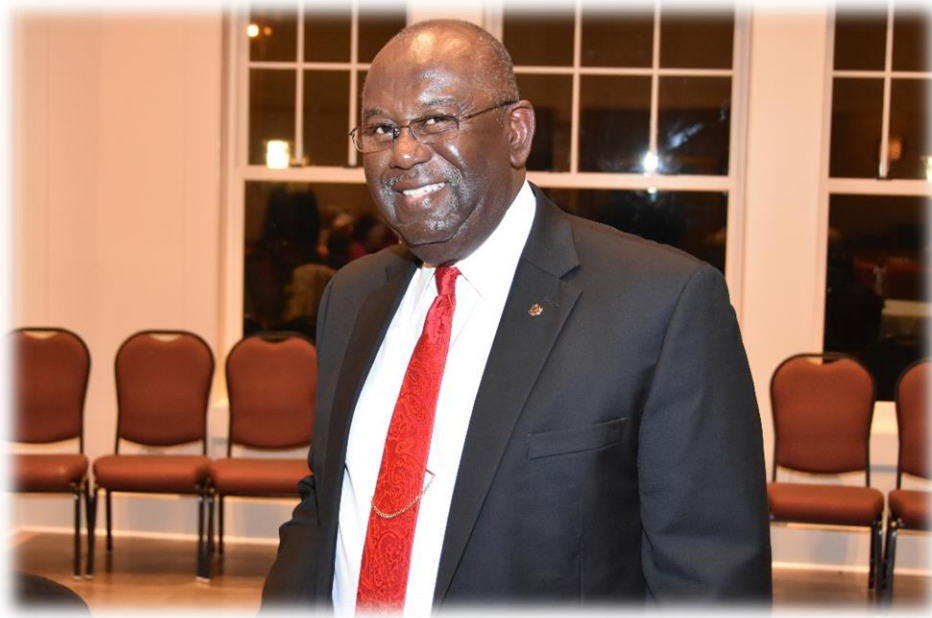
*Clyde Nevins*

## **Optimistic Quote of the Week**

**"God bless us, every one!"**

*~Tiny Tim – Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol'*

# - PHOTOS -



**President Al Adams**



**Secretary-Treasurer Al Renz and Wife Marlene**





**Jim and Nell Berry**



**Ginger Casteel**



**Bill Clarke**



**Matt Clarke**



**Vastell and Michelle Williams**



**Richie and Valerie Myers**





**Duane and Elaine Plank**



**Jesse and Pat Lang**



**Kathy Anderson and George McDonough**



**Gay and Jim Pepper**





**Tom Casteel and Alberto Duarte**



**Dorothy Clark**



**Fabiani Duarte at school  
in Georgia**



The Board of Directors recommend following changes to the Policy and Procedures Manual, Revision H. This will be voted on at our next business meeting.

## **CHANGE**

### **FROM:**

#### **6.7.1.1 Regular Members' Dues**

Regular Members' dues shall be \$35.00 a quarter plus the cost of meals at meetings they attend.

*Members that were on the old Plan A (\$120.00 a quarter) as of 1 October 2015 may remain on that plan if they desire. If they choose to change to the \$35.00 a quarter plus meals cost plan they may not revert back to the old plan A.*

Meals for Business Meetings at the Optimist Recreation Center shall be billed at \$12.00.

### **TO:**

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#### **6.7.1.2 Members' Dues Paid by Employer**

Members that have their dues paid by their employer shall be billed \$150.00 per quarter. This payment shall include meals.

Renumber the paragraphs following this insertion.

# CALENDAR

12/10 Thursday

**NO MEETING – REPLACED by CHRISTMAS PARTY**

12/17 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

**Business Meeting - Food – (Gay Pepper)**

12/24 Thursday

**NO MEETING – CHRISTMAS**

12/31 Thursday

**NO MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY / NEWS YEARS**

**New Year  
2016**

1/5 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.

**Board Meeting**

1/7 Thursday 6:00 pm Mullin's Restaurant

**LaRonda Conley – Missile Defense Agency STEM Outreach**

1/14 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin's Restaurant

**Michelle Reavis and Kim Davis – Steady for Life**

1/21 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

**Business Meeting - Food – (Richie Myers)**

1/28 Thursday 11:45 am Mullin's Restaurant

**Pam Clasgens – Development Director, HEALS, Inc.**



## 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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