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Club meets

1st Thursday

At 6:00 pm

2nd, & 4th Thursdays

At 11:45 am

88 Buffet

Opti - Topics

April Business Meeting

A good turnout of 18 Optimists assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for this month's business meeting. Five lady Optimists were in attendance, and President Al remarked that this was the highest number of lady members at any Club meeting he could remember. Vastell Williams was our caterer today, and we enjoyed a selection of Subway subs with assorted chips, cake and drinks.

Opening

President Al called on Rev. Jim Berry to bring the opening prayer, and Jim also led the Club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer Al Renz distributed the **financial report for the first half** (6 months) of our fiscal year. His report compared our income and expenses to the budgeted amounts for the period. In the first six months, our Club had a deficit of \$109.18 (income versus expenses). The deficit was largely because most of the meals for the last quarter had not been paid by the end of the reporting period. In general, our income and expenses were close to the budgeted amounts, with the exception of the Community Service Awards expense. One half of these awards was budgeted for the period, but all of them will be given in the last 6 months of our fiscal year.

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

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You are reminded again to **pay your dues**. Only about half of the dues for the quarter have been paid as of this meeting.

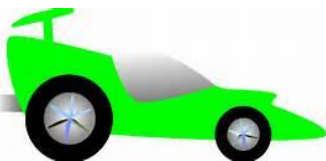
The Bank Balance at the end of March was \$4,699.68. With the reimbursement requested from the Foundation and payment receivable for dues and meals eaten this quarter, the Club has a Potential Cash Position of \$9,237.73.



President Al Adams asked our newest member, **Charlene Higgins**, to come forward to be officially inducted as a member of our Club. Al said he wanted Charlene to be a “full-fledged member” when she leads our team of judges at the Green Power Race this coming Saturday (see Committee Reports).

Charlene is a graduate of Huntington College with a major in Business Administration and minors in Marketing and Finance. The minor in Finance caught Treasurer Al Renz’s attention. She is a stay-at-home mom with two very bright children (according to Al Adams). She is a member of Al’s church.

Committee Reports



Charlene Higgins, chairperson for our Judging Team at Saturday’s **Green Power Race**, reported that most of her team had attended an orientation and training session. She passed out additional copies of the judging rules to those who missed the orientation, and those who might want to join the committee. The rules are very detailed, she said. Judges need to be only at the race on Saturday. The race will be held at Whitesburg Middle School. It’s at the intersection of Martin Road and Whitesburg Drive in south Huntsville.



Committee Chairperson Gay Pepper reported that she expects the Club's annual **Youth Appreciation Banquet** on Tuesday, April 26 will be jam packed. She said 16 youth will be honored; so with their parents and Club members she anticipates the Recreation Center Brahan Spring Recreation Center will be a tight fit. Gay asked for volunteers to arrange the tables and decorate them to be there at 5:15. The banquet will begin at 6:00 p. m.



President Al Adams announced that the Zone's **Respect for Law Banquet** will be held May 9 in the Wesley Room at the Trinity United Methodist Church. District Attorney Robert L. Broussard will be the speaker. Duane Plank has secured our Club's award recipient from the Madison County Sheriff's Department.



Band Committee Chairman Tom Casteel reported that his committee members are contacting schools for schedules of their bands' spring concerts. They will be awarding plaques to the outstanding band students and checks to the schools' band programs, as usual.

Tom has arranged for all our instruments (except percussion) to be returned directly to Southeastern Music. He also reported that in the past year the Club has acquired 20 more instruments, many by donation through our advertising on *Brass, Reeds and Percussion* on WLRH Public Radio. We now have about 160 instruments. He said he anticipates an increase in the cost of our refurbishment contract with Southeastern Music since it is now based on refurbishing only 100 instruments per year.



Foundation President Alberto Duarte reported that the **Foundation's assets**. As of the close of market on April 20, our account at Regions was valued at \$857,859. This compares to \$830,007.80 at the end of March. The Foundation also has a CD at the First Commercial Bank.

Old Business

The selection of a **different eating place** was not on the agenda, and did not come up for discussion. If you know of a place that would be better for our lunches (and especially our evening meeting) please contact Gay Pepper.



Our attendance at 88 Buffet has not been good, and the room is marginal for a meeting place.

New Business



President Al Adams announced that we would have a **Club Officers election** today. He reported that our Club's officers for next year must be sent to OI by next week. He distributed the report of the Nomination Committee for the proposed slate of officers. This report did not contain a nominee for First Vice President. Tom Casteel nominated Rebecca Billings for First Vice President, recognizing that she was already a Director with one year remaining on her term in office.

Rebecca accepted the nomination, and this necessitated a nomination to fill her term. Alberto Duarte nominated Matt Clarke to fill out Rebecca's term as Director. Matt accepted the nomination. After motions to accept the slate of officers as amended, the nominees were elected by acclamation. The new officers are:

President: Vastell Williams

First Vice President: Rebecca Billings

Second Vice President: Jim Roe

Secretary Treasurer (Appointed): Al Renz

2-Year Directors: Tom Casteel, Richie Myers and Gay Pepper

1-Year Directors: Kathy Anderson, Matt Clarke and Clyde Nevins

Announcements

Marilyn King-Jordan announced that her son Justin Jordan will give his Senior Recital this Sunday (April 24) at the Monte Sano United Methodist Church at 5 p. m. She distributed announcements for the event. Justin is one of the two "Southern Sons of Thunder" (with brother Jeremy) who have been associated with our Club for many years, both as contestants in our Oratorical Contest and as entertainment in some of our events. You are invited!

Closing

Gay Pepper led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“Children are not things to be molded, but people to be unfolded.”

~Jess Lair



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CALENDAR

- 4/23 Saturday **10:30am - 4:30pm** Whitesburg P-8
107 Sanders Road, Huntsville, AL (Off Whitesburg DR)
Greenpower USA Race
- 4/26 Tuesday **6:00 pm** Brahan Spring Recreation Center
3770 Ivy Ave SW, Huntsville, AL
Youth Appreciation Banquet
- 4/28 Thursday - **NO MEETING**
Replaced by Youth Appreciation Banquet
- 5/2 Tuesday **4:00 pm**
1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting
- 5/5 Thursday **6:00 pm** 88 Buffet
Kathleen Paul – Happy Trails Therapeutic Riding Center
- 5/9 Monday **6:30 pm** Trinity United Methodist Church
607 Airport Rd SW, Huntsville, AL
Respect for Law Banquet
- 5/12 Thursday - **NO MEETING**
Replaced by Respect for Law Banquet
- 5/19 Thursday **11:45 am**
Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Al Renz)
- 5/26 Thursday **11:45 am** 88 Buffet
Dorothy Havens – Kids to Love
- 6/7 Tuesday **4:00 pm**
1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting

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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