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Club meets

1st Thursday

At 6:00 pm

2nd, & 4th Thursdays

At 11:45 am

88 Buffet

Opti - Topics

June - Business Meeting

Fourteen Optimists assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for this month's business meeting. **Al Renz** was our chef today (that's two months in a row), and we enjoyed tasty fried chicken from Popeye's, French fries, biscuits, a choice of two deli salads, Schnecken (a German sweet bun), 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.

Announcements



The Club's **annual picnic** that was tentatively scheduled for August 20 is being **rescheduled**. The Club cancels the meeting just prior to the picnic, and the tentative date in August would cancel our monthly business meeting. The proposed new date at the Ford's Chapel United Methodist Church's pavilion in Harvest is the second Saturday in September (Sept. 10). An informal poll was taken on the proposed new date; a couple of sports fans said it might interfere with watching college football. Al Renz will confirm the availability of the pavilion for that date.

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

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There will be two city-wide events in July where our Club will promote our programs for youth. The first event is the PTA's Summer Leadership Training on July 23.

The second is the Community Awareness for Youth event on July 30. More about these events and how you can participate will be forthcoming

Treasurer's Report

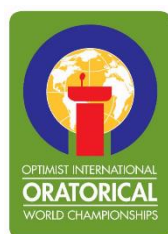


Treasurer **Al Renz** distributed the **financial report** for the Club as of May 31, 2016. The Club's

income has exceeded our expenses by \$1,478.46 for the period. Most expenses in for the period were close to the amount budgeted, except for Speaker Meals. The budget for their meals was based on eating at Mullin's, and the cost for meals at the 88 Buffet are half again higher. This deficit was more than made up for by the revenue gained from our Pecan Sale fundraiser, which netted \$800 more than budgeted.

The bank balance at the end of May was \$3,971.92. When the receivables from the Foundation and the receivables for meals is added, **the Club's Potential Cash Position is \$10,841.83.** Al said this is the first time in 7 years that our Potential Cash Position exceeds \$10,000.

Committee Reports

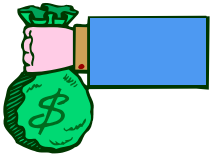


Bradleigh Herwig, our Club's contestant, will compete in the National Oratorical Contest in St. Louis on June 23 (next Thursday). Tom Casteel announced that **the contest will stream live on the OI web site**, so you will have the opportunity to see how she does.

Alberto Duarte, Contest Chairman, said he had proposed an increase in the Club's Oratorical Contest prize money to the Club's Board of Directors. He is asking that first place be bumped up to \$500 (now \$300). The proposal will be considered when next year's budget is firmed up.



Personal Growth and Involvement (PGI) Committee Chairman, Al Renz, reported that he had submitted 6 PGI advancement awards to OI. He said he wouldn't announce the names of the awardees until the awards are approved.



Al Renz, **Community Service Grants** Chairman reported that his committee had met and allocated the \$10,000 in Community Service Grants. He said this was an especially difficult process this year because there were 18 grant requests for a total of \$101,000. The committee voted **\$2,000 each to the top five grant requests**, as evaluated by vote of the committee members. The recipients of the \$2,000 grants will be:

- Heals, Inc.
- Kids to Love
- Harvest Youth Club
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of No. Alabama
- New Futures, Inc.



Foundation Chairman Alberto Duarte gave the **Foundation Report**. The Foundation's account as of June 15, 2016, was valued at \$939,323. This is down only a little from last month despite a bad week (so far) for the Stock Markets.

Old Business

The selection of a **different eating place** was on the agenda, again.



Chairperson Gay Pepper said she had contacted quite a few restaurants and hotels about potential eating places. The problem with nearly all of them is that, while available, they are much more

expensive than what we pay now. She suggested two alternatives for moving from the 88 Buffet:

- (1) Meet at a hotel or nice restaurant, but meet less often so the meal cost for individuals would not increase, or
- (2) Have our meals catered at the Optimist Recreation Center.

Tom Casteel said he had talked to the manager of the ORC, and there shouldn't be any problem for meeting there at lunch time, but might be an occasional problem for our evening meals.

Another possibility is meeting at the Space and Rocket Center, but we don't have a cost quote from them as yet. Alberto said that Rosie's Cantina on South Parkway would host us without a room charge for one (only one) Thursday per month; however, traffic on South Parkway is a mess and will likely be that way for a year or more.

President Al welcomed input from all Club members, and said he would like to have a decision by the first of next month.

Band Committee Chairman, Tom Casteel, said that all of the Club's band

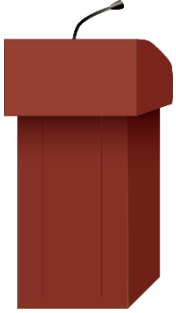


instruments that were lent to schools this year are now either at Southeastern Music being reconditioned or already through that process and in our storage room. He's received two used saxophones as donations, but one of them will likely be more expensive to recondition than it's worth. He's also ordered some new instrument cases and other supplies that were needed. Jim Berry said he had a set of drums to contribute to the program.

New Business

Alberto Duarte said he had contacted Ms. Tiffany at the Hawthorne Conservatory about suggesting what a tangible **gift in memory of Duane Plank** might consist of. Duane was a big fan of the Conservatory, and the Club is considering making a sizable donation to them in his memory. Rather than just donate money, it has been suggested that a specific item (or items) be designated for our donation.

President's Minute



President Al thanked the Club for a good turnout today, and Al Renz for the good meal. He said he is looking forward to being Lieutenant Governor next year, and has two specific actions in mind:

❖ First, he wants the Zone schools to be divided up equitably among the various Optimist Clubs in our Zone so that two Clubs do not compete at any one school for Optimist projects to be performed there.

❖ Second, he wants to hold an “all hands” meeting for all Optimists (i. e., not just club officers) in our Zone. This would probably take place on a Saturday morning and include either a breakfast or lunch. He wants to encourage other Optimist Clubs in our Zone to participate in such programs as PGI and A & A points, as well as explore programs we can do as a Zone.

Closing

Al Renz led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“Life inflicts the same setbacks and tragedies on the optimist as on the pessimist, but the optimist weathers them better.”

~ Martin Seligman

CALENDAR

- 6/23 Thursday **11:45 am** 88 Buffet
Dr. Beth Cape – Director of Children’s Ministries
Whitesburg Baptist Church
- 6/30 Thursday - **NO MEETING - 5th Thurday**
- 7/5 Tuesday **4:00 pm**
1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting
- 7/7 Thursday **6:00 pm** 88 Buffet
TBD – Jim Roe
- 7/14 Thursday **11:45 am** 88 Buffet
TBD – Jim Roe
- 7/21 Thursday **11:45 am**
Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Jim Roe)
- 7/28 Thursday **11:45 am** 88 Buffet
TBD – Jim Roe
- 8/2 Tuesday **4:00 pm**
1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting
- 8/4 Thursday **6:00 pm** 88 Buffet
TBD – Tom Casteel
- 8/11 Thursday **11:45 am** 88 Buffet
TBD – Tom Casteel

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.

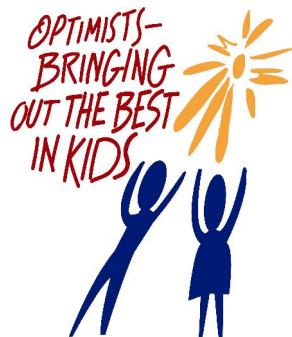
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

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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