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Club meets

1st Thursday

At 6:00 pm

2nd, & 4th Thursdays

At 11:45 am

88 Buffet

Opti - Topics

July – Business Meeting

Thirteen Optimists assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for this month's business meeting. **Jim Roe** was our chef today, and we enjoyed tasty pulled pork and roasted turkey breast from Gibson's BBQ, along with buns, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, lemon cake and assorted iced tea.

Opening



Vice President **Vastell Williams** presided today, and he called on **Rev. Jim Berry** to bring the opening prayer. Vastell led the Club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Optimist Family News

I talked to **Buddy Beck** Wednesday about the condition of Buddy's wife, Una. Buddy told me that Una has been in Birmingham at the UAB hospital. They found a clogged artery in her heart and inserted a stent, and this helped a lot; however, she has a heart valve problem, and the doctors are uncertain if she is strong enough to undergo surgery for that condition. Keep her and Buddy in your prayers.

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

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Announcements



Charlene Higgins is the Club's lead for our table at the Huntsville Council of PTAs Summer Leadership Event **this Saturday**, July 13, from **9:00 a. m. to 12 noon**, at the Academy for Arts and Academics on Sparkman Drive. Charlene needs a few Optimists to help her set up and to sit at our table to promote Optimism at the event. Be at the school by 8:30 to help Charlene set up our table.



Our Club is collecting school supplies for Morris Elementary School again this year. **George McDonough** is coordinating this project. **Please bring some suitable school supplies to the next Club meeting.** It was reported at the meeting that both Publix and Kroger had Crayola crayons on sale for 50 cents per box.



Our Club will also have a table at the **Community Awareness for Youth** event on Saturday, **July 30, 2016 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm** at the Jaycee Building and Fairgrounds, 2180 Airport Road. In addition to community resource information booths, there will be demonstrations, contests, give away items, food, music speakers and the Madison County's Got Talent Showcase. **Clyde Nevins** needs some company at our table to help promote our Club's teen programs. Come for a couple of hours if you can.



Make your plans to attend the Club's **annual picnic** which is scheduled at the Ford's Chapel UMC in Harvest on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Bring a side dish or desert; the Club will provide pulled pork, fried chicken, baked chicken, drinks, and all the utensils and dishes for the picnic.

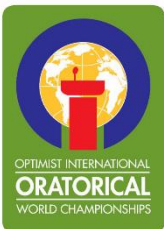
George McDonough would like to hear from a caregiver for an Alzheimer's patient. If you know of someone, please contact him. George said he had participated in a demonstration of what it's like to have Alzheimer's and especially what a caregiver experiences. He would like to arrange a similar demonstration for our Club.

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer **Al Renz** distributed the **financial report** for the Club as of June 30, 2016 (this report covers the first three quarters of our fiscal year). The Club's income has exceeded our expenses by \$1,393.26 for the period. Al said the amount would be nearer \$3,000 when Club members reimbursed the Club for meals eaten during the quarter. Youth Activities, especially the Band Instrument Program were the largest expenses. When the receivables from the Foundation and the receivables for meals is added, **the Club's Potential Cash Position is \$11,175.25.** The bank balance at the end of June was \$4,275.02

Committee Reports

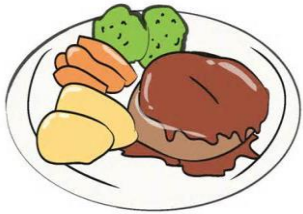


Alberto Duarte reported that Bradleigh Herwig, our Club's District Award Winner, has not yet had her scholarship money sent to her chosen university on her behalf. Someone up the line has not sent in the needed forms to Optimist International. Bradleigh is enrolling in August and needs the money for tuition. Alberto is working the problem.



Foundation Chairman **Alberto Duarte** gave the **Foundation Report**. The Foundation's account at Regions as of June 16, 2016, was valued at \$860,437.76. This amount is after all of the reimbursements to the Club have been made. In addition, the Foundation's account at Synovus (an arm of First Commercial bank) was valued at \$149,715.95, up almost \$5,000 from the amount invested with them after cashing our CD.

Old Business



Chairperson **Gay Pepper** of our **Meeting Relocation Committee** said she had scoured the city to look for a better place to eat than the 88 Buffet, and could find none that could meet our meeting time and keep the meal cost close to what we pay there. Her recommendation was to meet at the ORC and have meals catered (this has been coordinated with the manager of the ORC and is doable). A lot of discussion followed, which concluded:

- To have a meal catered to the ORC for 15 people (our normal attendance lately) would likely cost as much or more than we are paying at the 88 Buffet. A meal at there costs \$10.50 (with no drink) to \$12.75 (with drink) at lunch time, and \$14.25 (no drink) to \$15.50 (with drink) at our evening meeting.
- Sabrina, the caterer from Harvest would charge the Club \$15 per meal because of the small number of meals. She charged only \$12 per meal at the Youth Appreciation Banquet, but served about 100 meals which provided her a decent profit. Other caterers might do better on the cost and will be contacted.
- What could be served at meetings at the ORC would not necessarily have to be a full lunch, but could be similar fare to what we eat at Business Meetings—barbeque, Steak-Out, pizza, etc.
- It may be time for our Club to go to two meetings per month. Tom Casteel reported that most of the Optimist Clubs in our District meet only twice a month, and some only once a month. This will be pursued with the Board, and a survey of all Club members will be made.

Richie Myers moved that: “Beginning in August, the Club “dump” 88 Buffet for our Club’s luncheon meetings and meet there only for the evening meeting (first meeting of the month). Until a better alternative can be found we hold all luncheon meetings at the ORC.” **Alberto Duarte** seconded the motion, and it passed without dissent.



Alberto Duarte said he had a local music company give him an estimate on providing a quality electronic drum set and some keyboards to the Hawthorne Conservatory in memory of Duane Plank. He said he would prefer going to a local dealer, especially since they would provide a three-year warranty on the items. He will present his recommendation soon.

Closing

Jim Berry led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“I’m thankful for my struggle because without it I wouldn’t have stumbled upon my strength.”

~ Alex Elle



Website: hsvoptimists.org

CALENDAR

- 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
Fran Fluhler – Manna House
- 8/11 Thursday **11:45 am** 88 Buffet
Angela Walker – Huntsville Community Drumline
- 8/18 Thursday **11:45 am**
Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Tom Casteel)
- 8/25 Thursday **11:45 am** 88 Buffet
Kathy Miller – United Way
- 9/1 Thursday **6:00 pm** 88 Buffet
George McDonough– TBD
- 9/6 Tuesday **4:00 pm**
1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting
- 9/8 Thursday
No Meeting – Replaced by Club Picnic
- 9/10 Saturday **2:00 to 5:00 pm**
Ford's Chapel Pavilion
Annual Club Picnic

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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