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Opti - Topics

April Business Meeting



Fourteen Optimists assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for our regularly scheduled business meeting for the month. Due to a mix-up in communications, no one felt responsible to bring in lunch for our meeting. After a short discussion, it was decided to forge ahead and get our business over in a short time so everyone could make their own arrangements for lunch following the meeting.

Opening

President Vastell Williams asked Rev. Jim Berry to open the meeting and then lead us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Optimist Family News

It was reported that George McDonough had announced his intention to resign from the Club, which would become effective on June 1 according to Al Renz. Several members had contacted George to encourage him to stay in the Club so we might continue to enjoy his fellowship. Tom Casteel said that he thought George sounded "somewhat positive" after his recent talk with him.

Announcements



The **Respect for Law Banquet** will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 8**, at the Trinity Methodist Church on Airport Road. Al Renz reported that the cost for the meal will be \$13. The barbeque meal will again be catered by Ken Gibbs from Arab. Fifteen from our Club have signed up to attend.

Club meets
1st Thursday
At 6:00 p.m. at Blue
Plate Café

3rd & 4th Thursdays
At 11:45 a.m.
Optimist Recreational
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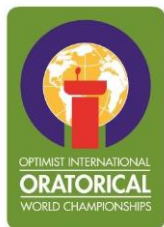
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Our **Oratorical Contest** girl winner, Christine Thompson, competed and won at the Regional Competition. She will represent us at the District Contest in Hoover this coming Saturday (April 22).

Tom Casteel reported that his order of **Optimist shirts** has arrived. If you ordered a shirt, Tom has it. You may pick it up from him and pay on your next dues payment. Tom ordered several extra shirts in various sizes, so if you want one and didn't order one earlier, Tom can probably accommodate you. Cost of the shirts: Polo shirts are \$15; Dress shirts are \$25.



President Vastell reminded everyone that there will be a **picnic for all Optimist Clubs in our Zone** on Saturday, **June 3**, in Ft. Payne. Details on carpooling or maybe a bus to take us to Ft. Payne will be available later. The picnic will be in a park that was a project of the Ft. Payne Optimist Club. He encouraged as many members as possible to attend.

Treasurer's Report



Secretary/Treasurer Al Renz distributed his financial report for the first 6 months of our fiscal year, which compared our actual revenue and expenses to the budgeted amounts. For this period, ending March 31, 2017, he highlighted the following:

- The Club's revenue was nearly \$1,000 over the budgeted amount. A lot of this was due to the successful Pecan Sale.
- The Club's expenses were about \$3,000 below the budgeted amount. Nearly all of this was due to many members' meals being paid directly instead of going through the Club's books.
- The bank balance at the end of March was \$8,385.62.
- The potential cash position (after dues fully paid and all reimbursements received from the Foundation) is \$13,051.98.

Committee Reports



Band Committee Chairman, Tom Casteel, reported that the committee had received donations of three musical instruments recently. He received one like-new clarinet and two guitars. Since we do not issue guitars to participating bands, he will donate them to the Hawthorne Conservatory.

REMINDER: All Band Committee members need to get their plaques ordered soon for the outstanding band award winners.



Eureka Battie reported that she is still pursuing getting **JOI Clubs** at three schools.

Still in work are:

- *Columbia High School* will have a second interest initiative meeting on Tuesday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the school. Any Club member is invited.
- *Jemison High School's* JOI Club had a setback when the advisor moved from the school. A replacement advisor is being sought.
- *Chapman Middle School's* principal will not return her telephone calls. She's hoping that our band instrument program at the school will be a help in getting a JOI Club started.



Foundation President Alberto Duarte reported on the assets of the Foundation as of April 19, 2017. Assets managed by Regions are now valued at \$883,011.26. Assets managed by Synovus are valued at \$156,053.12. The total Foundation assets are now \$1,039,064.98.

New Business



Tom Casteel presented a **petition** to the Club regarding the **District dues for College Club members**. Tom said that the current dues structure for College Club members is out of line in that they are 140% of what goes to OI. His proposal was to reduce the current District dues of \$14 per year per member to \$2 per year per member. If passed by the Club he will bring it to a vote at the District meeting this coming weekend. *Motion:* Al Renz moved that the Club authorize Tom to present the petition to the District. Alberto Duarte seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.

Election of Next Year's Officers.



Nomination Committee Chairman Tom Casteel presented the committee's nominees for next year's Board of Directors. He opened the floor for any further nominations, but none were forthcoming.

Motion: Jim Berry moved that the slate of officers presented by the Nomination Committee be accepted by acclamation. Charlene Higgins seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Here are your new officers for 2017-2018:

President:	Eureka Battie
1st Vice President:	Denise Watson
2nd Vice President:	Kathy Anderson
Secretary-Treasurer:	Al Renz
Two-Year Directors:	Alfred Adams Matt Clarke Bob Hirschbuehler
One-Year Directors:	Tom Casteel Richie Myers Gay Pepper.
Immediate Past President:	Vastell Williams

Closing

President Vastell led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Clyde Nevins

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society. The optimist invents the aeroplane, the pessimist the parachute.”

~ George Bernard Shaw

CALENDAR

- 4/27 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
TBD - Eureka Battie –
- 5/2 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting
- 5/8 Monday 6:00 pm Trinity Methodist Church
Respect for Law Banquet

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**Regional Oratorical Chair, Tom Howell Presents
Christine Thompson Her Regional Oratorical Winner Plaque**

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.

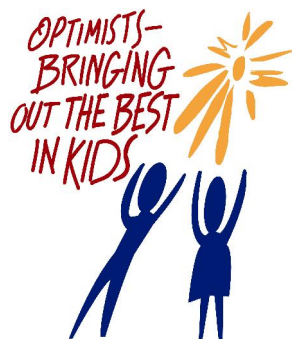
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

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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