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# Opti - Topics

## **June Business Meeting**



Thirteen Optimists assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for our regularly scheduled business meeting for the month. We also had one guest: Alexis Battie, daughter of Veep Eureka. Vastell Williams brought our lunch today, and it seemed to have a theme of *three*. We had a choice of three pasta dishes, a choice of three dressings for our tossed salad, a choice of three flavors of pound cake and a choice of three drinks. There was plenty of food.

## **Opening**

President Vastell Williams asked Clyde Nevins to bring the opening prayer and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Announcements**



Clyde Nevins reported that the Board of Directors had approved our Club's participation in the **CAFY** (Community Awareness for Youth) **Back-to-School event** on Saturday, July 29, at the Jaycee Building on Airport Road.

We will have a table set up to distribute our Club brochures (and maybe some of those balsawood gliders Tom Casteel has in his garage). Our Club will also donate a school backpack to be given away at the event. We'll need some volunteers to staff our table..

**Club meets**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**  
**At 6:00 p.m. at Blue**  
**Plate Café**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**  
**At 11:45 a.m.**  
**Optimist Recreational**  
**Center**

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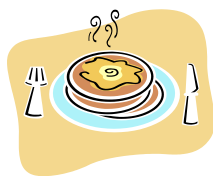
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Eureka Battie announced that she had received word that the **Noon Optimist Club** will be holding their annual pancake breakfast **fundraiser** on Saturday, June 24, at Applebee's Restaurant on South Parkway. The breakfast is \$5.00 and will be from 7:00 a. m. to 9:30 a. m.



Alfred Adams reported that the Board of Directors had voted for our club *not* to participate in the Outstanding Educator program being sponsored by the South Huntsville Optimist Club. The board considered our two scheduled banquets (Youth Appreciation and Officer Installation/70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) for the same general time frame would be all that we could handle.

## **Treasurer's Report**



Treasurer Al Renz distributed his financial report for the 8 months ending May 31, 2017. He remarked "there was not a whole lot of activity" during the month, with the net gain (revenue less expenses) for the month up just \$50 from the end of April.

New expenses for Youth Activities expenses consisted mainly of awards for the band instrument program, including the plaques, individual cash awards of \$50 each, and the \$100 donations to the band programs at participating schools. The Club's bank balance at the end of April was \$10,101.09. When the receivables from the foundation and outstanding meals are added, the Club has a Potential Cash Position of \$13,195.80.

## Committee Reports



**Band Committee** Chairman Tom Casteel reported that the band program is pretty well wrapped up for the year. He hasn't heard definitely from all committee members, but he believes all of our instruments are back at Southeastern Music for refurbishment. He has ordered the supplies (reeds & such) for next year already.



Gay Pepper reported that plans for the **Youth Appreciation Banquet** are moving along nicely. She and Eureka Battie are meeting next week to finalize the remaining items. The banquet is scheduled for August, and will be held at the Recreation Center at Brahan Spring Park (same place as last year). She promised a committee report at our next meeting.



Alfred Adams reported that the Club had made an **official visit to the Ft. Payne Optimist Club** yesterday. He, Jesse Lang, Tom Casteel, Eureka Battie, along with Eureka's twin sons Michael and Malik, made the trip. Alfred reported that the Ft. Payne Club is growing steadily, averaging about 3 new members per month.

## New Business



Huntsville Foundation President Alberto Duarte reported that with the resignation of foundation director George McDonough, there is a vacancy on the Foundation Board that needs filling. The director elected would fill out George's remaining term.

**Motion:** Tom Casteel moved that Alfred Adams be elected to the Foundation Board of Directors. Alberto Duarte seconded the motion.

President Vastell Williams asked (twice) if there were any other nominations. Receiving none, he entertained a motion to elect Alfred by acclamation. Someone made the motion (I forget who), and Alfred was elected unanimously.

## Huntsville Optimist Foundation Report



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**Foundation President** Alberto Duarte reported on the assets of the Foundation as of June 15, 2017. Assets managed by Regions are now valued at \$910,002. Assets managed by Synovus are valued at \$159,619. The total Foundation assets are now \$1,069,621, a nice increase over last month due to a strong

## Closing

President Vastell led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting. We got out a little early despite starting a late, allowing everyone but the Foundation Board (who met after the Club meeting) to miss the thunderstorm that knocked out power at the ORC and all the traffic lights in the area.

*Clyde Nevins*

## Optimistic Quote of the Week

**“Always find opportunities to make someone smile, and to offer random acts of kindness in everyday life.”**

*~ Roy T. Bennett*

## CALENDAR

- 6/22      Thursday 11:45 am      Optimist Recreation Center  
**Thomas Rumph Jr. - Rumph and Associates**
- 7/6      Thursday 6:00 pm      Blue Plate Cafe  
**TBD - Charlene Higgins**
- 7/11      Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.  
**Board Meeting**
- 7/20      Thursday 11:45 am      Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food – (Charlene Higgins)**
- 7/27      Thursday 11:45 am      Optimist Recreation Center  
**TBD- Charlene Higgins**



**Website: [hsvoptimists.org](http://hsvoptimists.org)**

## 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.

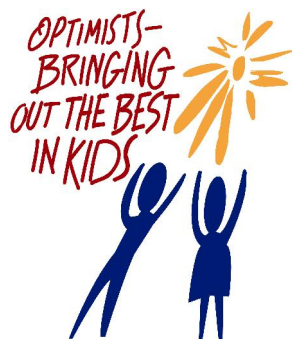
**T**o forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

**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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