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February Business Meeting

Fifteen Optimists and two guests assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for our business meeting. Eureka Thompson called our meeting to order. Keaires Roberson led us in Prayer and blessed the food. Pledge Allegiance was led by Eureka Thompson. Richie Myers catered our lunch which consisted of Salad, Dressings, Chicken Fingers, Potato Salads, Cupcakes, Pudding and Oranges. There were sweet and un-sweet teas for drinks.

Opening

President Eureka Thompson welcomed everyone to the Club's February business meeting. President Eureka then asked for guest introductions, which was:

- Sharon Snell - Senior Convention Sales Manager & Technology Network Manager - Markets: Religious, Corporate. As Senior Convention Sales Manager, she is responsible for marketing Huntsville, Madison and Madison County as a meeting destination to the religious, corporate and multicultural markets. Additionally, Sharon oversees technology operations at the Bureau as well as updating website content. She will be joining our club.

Announcements



The Club **Oratorical Contest** will be held on March 9th at 9:00am, Cooper House for more information contact Alberto Duarte. The Zone contest is slated for March 30th

**Club meets
2nd Thursday
At 6:00 p.m. at
Piccadilly Cafeteria**

**4th Thursdays
At 11:45 a.m.
Optimist Recreational
Center**

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Treasurer's Report



Secretary – Treasurer Al Renz gave his report. The club is doing well with a bank balance of 15,218.47.

Committee Reports



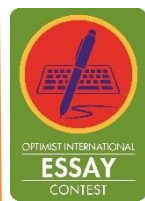
The Pancake Breakfast that's was held at The Cooper House, 405 Randolph Ave. S.E; Huntsville AL, Saturday Feb 9, 2019 from 7:30am to 11:30a.m. Had a successful turnout. The Optimist Club of Huntsville will be presenting a check in the amount of \$3000 to the Hawthorne Conservative.



JOI Clubs- Edmonton Heights is building a JOI Club, the club will be up and running soon. It will be a community JOI club. They will be attending the District JOI Convention on March 9th.



Tri-Star Basketball - Tri-Star Basketball will be held March 16th, 2019 at the Optimist Recreation Center. 9:30-11:30am. Please come out and support, and volunteer. The more hands the merrier. For additional info contact Chairman Jesse Lang.



Annie Sandusky reported that Blake Christian won this year Essay Contest! Congrats Blake.

Home Sweet Dorm Project

We are continuing to donate items to the **Pearls** young ladies that are going to college. Our member, Viki Moore, has provided a list of items needed. There are ten young ladies this year. Let's give them a great sendoff and help make college life a little easier.

Toothpaste	Paper Towels	Body Wash
Towels	Cotton Swabs	Plastic Cutlery
Tooth Brushes	Toilet Paper	Wash clothes
Laundry Basket	Disposable Razors	Towels
Mouthwash	Napkins	Deodorant
Dryer Sheets	Pure Silk Shaving Cream	Lint Roller
Floss	Feminine Products	Lysol Wipes
Laundry Pods	Hand Sanitizer	Trash Bags
Air Freshener	Soap	Kleenex
Paper Towels	Shower Shoes (Flip Flops)	Hefty Storage Bags
Cotton Balls	Paper Plates	All Purpose Cleaning Spray



Growing minds of the Shoals Optimist Club Update-, Growing Minds Optimist Club of the Shoals is doing well. Their next meeting is March 24th at 3:00pm. If you would like to attend, contact Keaires, Eureka or Tom. They are hosting their first annual Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Fundraiser. See flyer below. And please purchase a box or donate. Monies due by Tuesday March 5th. Contact Keaires Roberson to order. 256-658-9705

Huntsville Optimist Foundation Report

Foundation President Alberto Duarte gave a report on the Foundation's investments as of the close of the market's close on December 2018. The Foundations account at Regions is now worth \$869903 and the account at Synovus is worth \$171333. Bringing the total out to be, \$1,041,236.



Dime A Day. The Dime A Day program supports the scholarships for the Essay and Oratorical contests. For your support you will receive this handsome pin. Our club's goal is 100% participation. Give Tom Casteel our Optimist Foundation Rep a check for \$36.50 and he will give you're your pin. He still needs four members to participate to reach our minimum commitment.

Kite Festival



Al Adams and Tom Casteel staffed our booth at kite festival this last weekend. Jesse Lang and Vastell Williams also worked a shift. We had several people interested in our Club's activities. Some photos are in the photo section.

Come Thirsty Ministries, Inc.

Willie Diggs, Director of Field of Education, at Alabama A&M University. The founder of Come Thirsty Ministries, Inc. His foundation is based on raising up young men and training them in the way they should go. They focus on spirituality, education and over all life. We sponsored his organization to attend the Legacy Museum in Birmingham. It was very educational for the students and they really enjoyed themselves. To contact him email jabas03@aol.com. See the photo section for some pictures.

Regional Conference

Joseph Lee, Eureka Thompson and Al Adams attended the regional conference. And they brought home with them a lot of goodies. Our Club was number one in the District for last Optimist year. We were a distinguished Club, won the award for largest number of interclub visits, and donated \$40 a member to the Optimist International Foundation. Fantastic job Eureka!



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

Keaires Roberson

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“Now is not then, just because it did not work then does not mean it will not work now.” “Remain Optimistic”

~ Keaires Roberson

CALENDAR

2019

March 5th Tuesday **4:00 pm** 1st Commercial Bank – Whitesburg Dr.
Board Meeting

March 9th Thursday **9:00 am** Cooper House
Oratorical Contest

March 14th Thursday **6:00 pm** **Blue Plate Café, South Parkway**
March Evening Meeting

March 16th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Tri-Star Basketball Contest

March 28th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
March Business Meeting (Food – Gay Pepper)



PHOTOS



The Young Men from the Come Thirsty Ministries at the Legacy Museum in Birmingham.



President Eureka with Her Distinguished President Awards



Sign for Tri-Star Contest Made by Richie Myers



Photos from the Kite Festival



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TO:

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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