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June Business Meeting

Eighteen Optimists and twelve guests assembled at the Optimist Recreation Center for our business meeting. President Eureka Thompson called our meeting to order. Clyde Nevins gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joseph Lee catered our lunch with delicious sandwiches from Quiznos, a selection of various fruits, and a selection of teas. Great Job, Joseph!

Opening

Eureka welcomed Sharon Snell from the Huntsville Convention and Business Bureau as a returning visitor and possible member. She then welcomed the PEARLS advisors Ms. Jones and Ms. Wheeler, the young ladies that are members of the PEARLS based out of Jamison High School and their parents.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary – Treasurer Al Renz gave his financial report. The club is doing well with a bank balance of \$11,886.63.



**Club meets
2nd Thursday
At 6:00 p.m. at
Blue Plate Cafe**

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

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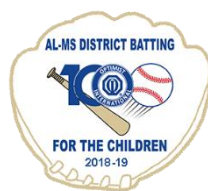
JOI Clubs- Eureka stated that the JOI clubs have been informed about the District JOI Convention in March of 2020 and are looking forward to attending.

Huntsville Optimist Foundation Report



Alberto Duarte reported that the Huntsville Optimist Foundation balances were: Synovus Bank, \$179,008 and Regions Bank Investments, \$894,994 for a total of 1,074,002.

Alberto reported that the Foundation has voted to support the Hawthorne Conservatory project to build a dance studio. This is to be a matching funds program. The Foundation will match them 3 to 1 for the \$20,000 project. He stated that the Hawthorne Conservatory wants to place decals recognizing the Optimist Club of Huntsville on the mirrors in the studio. The club decided to use the emblem on our shirts. Tom Casteel will provide the artwork to them.



Our next District meeting will be held locally at the Best Western Plus Madison-Huntsville Hotel, Address: 9035 Madison Blvd, August 15-18, 2019. Zones 2 and 3 clubs will be the hosts for this convention. President Eureka stated she would like to see at least 20 of our members in attendance. Additionally, as hosts we will be responsible to help provide snacks and to staff the hospitality room. The schedule will be forthcoming. Tom Casteel stated that as the Number One club in the District, it is our responsibility to make our presence known at this meeting.

Home Sweet Dorm Project

Eureka called on Vikki Moore (PEARLS Leader and Club member) to present the young ladies that going off to college this fall. Each young lady spoke to the club telling us about their major and the school that they will be attending. They were Dana Burt, Ayiana McDow, Kennedy Young, and Candace Jones. Forever PEARL Alexis Battie, home from her first year of college, also spoke. She thanked the club for the gifts from last year and told us how much it meant to a new student. Vikki Moore then presented Eureka a gift from the PEARLS thanking her for her support. Each young lady was presented a box full of supplies that they will need to make transitioning to college life a little easier.

New Member Installation

Eureka installed Demetria Braudaway as our newest member. Demetria has already involved herself by taking the notes for the newsletter. Welcome Demetria !

Announcements

Alfred Adams has announced that he is moving South this August and will be resigning from the Foundation Board. He will remain a member of the club as he works here in Huntsville. A new member for the Foundation Board will be needed. The only requirement is that you are a member in good standing and have been a member of the Club for three years. The following members qualify and are not already on the Board.

Kathy Anderson

Angela R Debro

Bob Martin

Danielle R Barnes

Connie Gipson

Richie Myers

Buddy Beck

Byrom Goodwin

Thomas Rumph, Jr.

Jim Berry

Matt Hancock

Belinda A Savage-

Tom Casteel

Bob Hirschbuehler

Edwards

Matt Clarke

Dr. Debbie Hyder

Eureka Thompson

Bill Clarke

Jesse F. Lang

Closing

The Attendance Prize was held over to our next meeting due to a missing name can. Eureka led the Club in reciting the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

Demetria Braudaway / Tom Casteel

Optimistic Quote of the Week

“Tomorrow, smile at a perfect stranger and mean it.”

~ John O'Callaghan

CALENDAR

- July 9th Tuesday **4:00 pm** Synovus Bank – 4650 Whitesburg DR
Board Meeting
- July 11th Thursday **6:00 pm** **Blue Plate Café, 7540 Memorial Pkwy SW**
Evening Meeting
- July 25th Thursday **11:45 am** Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting (Food – Mark Reavis)

Photos



President Eureka presents Demetria her Membership Certificate



PEARLS Recognized today: Front Row, Left to Right, Dana Burt, Kennedy Young, Ayiana McDow, Candace Jones, Back Row: Alexis Battie



Vikki Moore Presents President Eureka with a Gift From the PEARLS



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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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