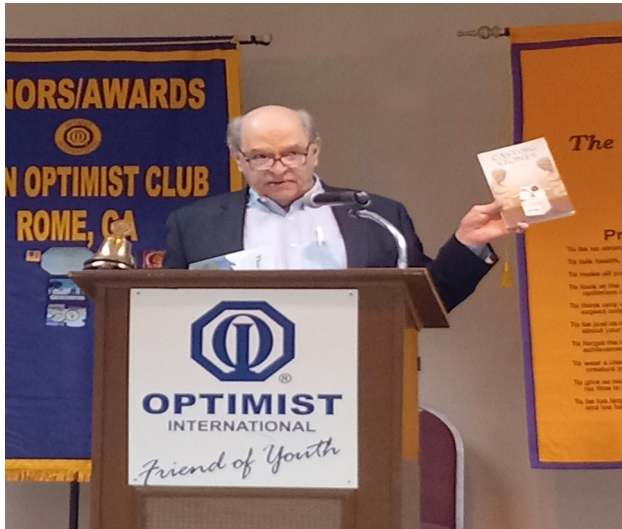




# The Optune

## Jay Beck, Author, Speaks to Optimists, June 6



On Monday, June 6, Jay Beck, novelist and former White House staffer, spoke to the Rome Noon Optimist. Jay is formerly from Albany, Georgia where he established lifelong friendships with former President Jimmy Carter and White House Chief of Staff Hamilton Jordan. He began his career in advertising in Georgia but eventually, moved to Washington, DC to work as a staffer at the White House.

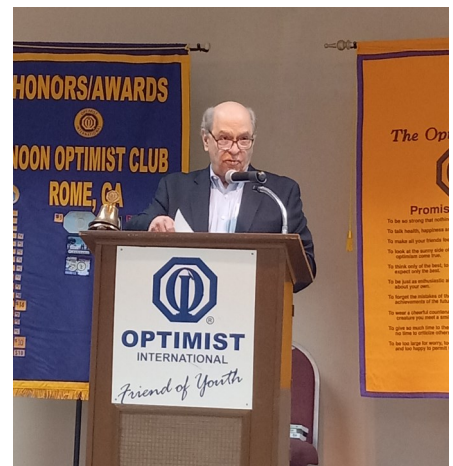
While at the White House, Jay focused on deregulation of businesses in transportation, oil and gas, and telecommunications. "Business lobbyists during this time built in rules and regulations into the system to protect their businesses at the expense of others" said Beck. This limited businesses in some areas of the country.

Eventually, Jay left Washington and moved to New York City to work in a

media firm. The firm managed campaigns and designed ads. Beck worked internationally and domestically in the southeast.

Based on his various job experiences, Jay has written three historical fiction novels; "Panama Rust", "Casting Stones", and "The Third Party". "Panama Rust" and "Casting Stones" were written based on his experiences as a consultant during the 1984 presidential election in Panama and in 1985 in the Greece elections. The latter book received the Georgia Individual Author Award for the best historical novel in 2009. "The Third Party" was written on his experiences as he worked as a consultant for the Ross Perot presidential campaign. Beck described that campaign "as the most successful third party presidential campaign".

For more information on this fascinating novelist and his books, check out [JayBeck.net](http://JayBeck.net).



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## Special Thanks to Angela Brock



Special thanks goes out to Angela Brock (Member Terry Brown's sister), Model High School Assistant Principal, for her help and guidance with The Optune! When I took on the job of being Co Editor of the Optune, I had never worked with Publisher and definitely needed help. Angela has always been "my go to person" for any technology assistance over the past twenty years when I worked at Model High School and in other jobs. I took over The Optune in March which is the most difficult time of the year for an administrator who is in charge of the numerous activities and events (testing, awards, ceremonies, meetings, graduation, etc) to take on "one more thing"....but she did! Fitting me in at all times of the day after work hours, Angela taught, fixed, taught again, answered my numerous questions with the "patience of a saint". I am forever indebted to her. I know that she will be relieved when this "old dog learns this new skill". If you see Angela give her a warm Optimist thank you for her volunteering with The Optune.

## OIF Banner Emblem Selection



As a part of our club's annual contribution to the Optimist International Foundation, we are eligible to receive a Banner Emblem Name Bar under three categories: **In Honor, In Memory, Veteran**. Scott Moody sent an email to all members on June 5 explaining the process along with the forms and requirements of each category. All submissions should be returned to Scott (scottmoody@aol.com) by the start of the June 20 club meeting.



Will Cooper, a student at Armuchee High School, represented our club at the Optimist GATEway Qualifier on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at the Canogate 1 Golf Club in Sharpsburg, GA.

Will was the low medalist for his age group (16-18). His score of 77 made him one of only six golfers to qualify for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship at Doral Resort and Spa in Miami, Florida, later this summer.

Contributed by Scott Moody

*My optimism has helped me through some hard times. If you try to send out good things, good things come back to you." – Jan Brett*

### Promise Yourself...



### Anniversaries

June 11 Larry and Pamela Russell  
June 18 Jason and Amy Oyler



### Birthdays

June 12 Jim Howell  
June 15 Noaleen Ingalsbe

### Future Events

Monday, June 13 Business Meeting & Harold Jones, Floyd Cattlemen Assoc.  
Monday, June 20 TBA  
Monday, June 27 Jason Warren, Ga Dept. of Natural Resources