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To start today's luncheon meeting Pres. Bob Martin called on Chaplin Sidney Sandridge to turn thanks. Then we pledged our allegiance to our flag and country. Two guests were in attendance - Jim Berry's guest was a member of his prayer group, Jesse Lang - my guest was my grandson, Graham Burkett, who is enjoying a fall break from Huntsville Middle School. It was good to have Chev Kellogg, one of our former presidents at today's meeting. Al Renz reported for the playground committee. One of our major supporters is the HWTA (Huntsville Women's Tennis Association). They have scheduled a silent auction for Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 -8:00pm with the proceeds going to the playground. For more details call Al or Connie. Pres. Bob announced that our Christmas Party will be at the Downtown Holiday Inn on December 10.

Alberto reported on several items of news. The pancake breakfast is tentatively planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November. Installation of ROC officers will be Tuesday, October 13 at 10:00am at Randolph School in Jones Valley. Try to support this event. Alberto is baking a cake. Alberto and his son Fabiani were called onto the field during halftime of a recent Vanderbilt football game, and Fabiani was presented the Junior Chancellor Award for being the university's most outstanding 3<sup>rd</sup> year student. Furthermore, Fabiani is included in the final 10 for overall school excellence, with the recipient of this honor to be

named soon. We in the club who have seen him grow and develop are all so proud of the record he is making since we first knew him as an oratorical contestant, and I feel the best is still ahead.

Ralph Caneer introduced our speaker, Richard George, who as a trust officer with Regions Financial manages our HOF (Huntsville Optimist Foundation) account. Richard hails from Mississippi, but has been in Huntsville 25 years, experiencing many mergers and buyouts during his banking career. He's very optimistic about the economic future. He foresees a **V** curve and anticipates rapid growth once recovery gets momentum. For the HOF he said the goal is to have 60% in equities and 40% in bonds to achieve income and moderate growth. Fifty high-quality well-known stocks make up the equity portion. Anyone interested in details of our portfolio can contact Ralph for a current snapshot of things. I've known this guy with 2 first names for many years. We used to enjoy coffee and bagels Saturday mornings at Popies - across from Grissom. He is a past president of the 400 member Rotary Club that meets at the VBC. I told him after the meeting that I feel confident our account is in good hands.

Jim Berry won today's drawing. Next week will be the 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting for the new administration. Your presence will be evidence of your support. The program on the 22<sup>nd</sup> will cover dyslexia and other reading problems. Bob is still working on a speaker for the 29<sup>th</sup>.

### CALENDAR

10/15	Thurs.	11:45	ORC	Business Meeting
10/22	Thurs.	11:45 am	DHI	Shotsie Platt / Community Free Clinic
10/29	Thurs.	11:45 am	DHI	Jim Berry - Senior Center History

