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Pres. Bob Martin called on Jim Berry to offer a prayer of thanks and to lead us in the pledge of allegiance. We had about 25 in attendance, but no guests – other than the speaker. Our Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 10 at the Downtown Holiday Inn – 6:00 pm. Planning for the event is in the good hands of Buddy Beck and the Peppers. Plan to bring many guests to enjoy the festivities and fellowship.

Before we got to our program today Al Renz made a PGI (Personal Growth and Involvement) Level I award to Jim Berry, last week's speaker. Jim will be assisting Al in PGI promotion. Tom Casteel announced that Tri Star Basketball is planned for the ORC (Optimist Recreation Center) Saturday morning, November 21. Volunteers are needed. Sign up next week. Also, Tom is looking for dime-a-day checks (\$36.50) earmarked to support the District's scholarships for Oratorical and Essay competition. Tom said our club is currently running second among clubs in the 3 states. Remember, you could win a flat-screen TV.

George Kost introduced his co-worker who is Director of Early Works Museum, as well as Constitution Village and the historical Huntsville Depot. Tom Giles, a native Huntsvillian with many years of management experience at the Alabama Space and Rocket Center and SciQuest, stressed the hands-on

historical and educational opportunities available at the 3 facilities he currently manages; not only for local young people, but also for the significant number of tourists that visit North Alabama each year. The Depot, built in 1860 and occupied by Union forces during the Civil War is especially interesting. CSA prisoners were held on the second floor, and graffiti from that time can still be studied today. Mr. Giles recommended a family holiday visit to Santa's Village at Constitution Village during the period November 27 through December 23. Also, the first weekend in May each year features a barbecue cookout at the Depot Roundhouse with about 100 chefs doing their thing. Alberto won the money this time.

CALENDAR

11/12	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Junior Achievement Program
11/19	Thurs.11:45	ORC	Business Meeting
11/26	Thanksgiving - no meeting		
12/03	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Christmas Charities, Violet Edwards
12/10	Thurs. 6:00pm	DHI	Christmas Party (guests \$15)
12/17	Thurs.11:45	ORC	Business Meeting

