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Pres. Bob Martin called on Chaplain Sidney for today's invocation. Then we followed with the pledge of allegiance. We had about 25 attending today. Jeff Sandridge introduced his guests: co-worker Dewayne Holmes and Jeff's son Jeffrey, a student at UAH. This being Al Renz' birthday Buddy Beck called for a "Happy Birthday" sing. Zack said that his birthday was earlier this month, so we sang again. Al reported that John Shirey is making measurable progress toward recovery from his fall. Next was a joke from Bob followed by one from Al, but I'm not able to recall either. Al mentioned a playground support pitch to city and county officials Monday at 10:00 am where a motion for financial support will be made and, hopefully, voted favorably. If you can attend this meeting, call Al for details. Furthermore, Al said pavilion construction is already underway at the playground.

Gay passed around a sign-up sheet for our Christmas party, and Jim Pepper is looking at entertainment options. He had thought of forming an Optimist quartet to sing holiday songs, but this was before he heard our earlier performance. Jim proceeded to introduce today's speaker, Leah Amos, Director of Junior Achievement for North Alabama. Leah noted that JA fits well with Optimism as exemplified by our motto. She made an enthusiastic upbeat description of JA's activities. It turns out several of our members have had JA experience. I'm thankful every time for the sound system we now have in place so no remarks are missed. I think the credit for this goes to Pres. Bob. Currently 12,000 (K through 12) North Alabama students are being affected by JA. JA's goal emphasizes preparing students for economic and

business issues they're likely to encounter as they advance in their studies, and eventually enter the global workforce.

Leah pointed out the importance of volunteers from all backgrounds going into class rooms to describe to students what employment opportunities are available, and to answer student's questions. JA is prepared to work with volunteers to provide training and to furnish any necessary materials needed. It's up to us to volunteer. Speaking of volunteering, Pres. Bob has e-mailed out a request for organized Christmas Charities volunteer support, and he asked for a show of hands of those interested. He got a good response. Violet Edwards from CC will be our speaker December 3. She has current ongoing volunteer workers and will tell us of needed help right up until Christmas.

Al Renz, appropriately, won the attendance prize.

CALENDAR

11/19	Thurs.11:45	ORC	Business Meeting
11/26	Thanksgiving - no meeting		
12/01	Tues. 4:00pm	1 st Comm Bank	Board 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

