



OPTI-TOPICS

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It was good to get back together again after the Thanksgiving break. Chaplain Sidney's prayer of thanks got us started into the Christmas season. Of course, we pledged allegiance to the flag, and then greeted Jim Berry's guest, Hansel Cornut, whose tenor renditions have been a major part of Huntsville choral music for about 50 years. Jesse Lang, sponsored by Jim Berry, was officially welcomed into membership by President Bob Martin who presented him with a lapel pin, a membership certificate and other new member information. Bob then read a short letter from the OI (Optimist International) President, thanking Jim for sponsoring Jesse. Bob announced that the club's board meeting will be Tues., Dec. 8 (see calendar). He added that it's time to get serious about essay and oratorical contest plans. Pres. Bob has been meeting with Supt. of County Schools, Terry Davis, concerning our club's participation in OI's new program designed to alert elementary school children to Internet safety concerns. Bob will keep us informed on how members can contribute.

Next week is our Christmas Party (see calendar). Gay said her committee is calling for each attendee to bring a wrapped gift not costing more than \$10, and she suggests it be a Christmas ornament. As in the past, dirty Santa rules will apply. Also, please bring AA, 9-volt and C-cell batteries for Christmas Charities. Buddy Beck said the entertainment family that we had last year will be back by popular demand to perform seasonal music, and to lead us in carol singing. The party will be in our regular meeting place in the Downtown Holiday Inn.

Our speaker today was Violet Edwards, Executive Director of Christmas Charities. She gave a very enthusiastic extemporaneous speech (since she had lost her notes), giving evidence that she thoroughly knows her organization, started over 40 years ago by Milton Cummings, and is a regular beneficiary of our annual community service support. At our business meeting on the 17th we need to elect a HOF (Huntsville Optimist Foundation) board member. Gay's term has expired. She can be re-elected for 3 years or replaced. Also, on the Monday the 14th, starting at 5:30pm, members of our club and the Sparkman JOOI Club are asked to volunteer a couple hours to Christmas Charities. They are located on the right at 2840 Jordan Lane (Ardmore Highway). If you reach Mastin Lake Rd. you've gone a little too far. Blake Dorning's name was drawn for the prize today. Since he was not present the next prize on Jan. 7 will grow. No meetings 12/24 and 12/31.

CALENDAR

12/08	Tues.	4:00pm	1 st Commercial Bank	Board Meeting
12/10	Thurs.	6:00pm	DHI	Christmas Party (guests \$15)
12/17	Thurs.	11:45	ORC	Business Meeting

