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## Bulletin of the Optimist Club of Huntsville

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Last night we enjoyed our annual Christmas Party at the Downtown Holiday Inn. The food was excellent and the roomful of over 50 holiday-clad attendees added to the beauty of the occasion. The room was nicely decorated with a lighted Christmas tree hovering over a load of gifts. Many poinsettias of various colors adorned the tables, and our attractive Christmas place mats completed the décor. Santa and Mrs. Clause were with us the whole evening. Thanks go out to Buddy Beck and the Peppers for making this another memorable event.

President Bob Martin called on Rev. Jim Berry to offer thanks for our many blessings. After eating, including conversation and fellowship, Buddy introduced our entertainment – a musical group from Mt. Zion Baptist Church (part of their outreach program). It consisted of 3 vocalists (2 female and one male), a guitar player and a violinist. The group brought their own sound system which added to the professional nature of their performance – which was superb. Following the easy listening, close harmony of their prepared program, booklets of favorite songs for the season including carols were distributed and special requests from the audience added to the fun evening,

but there was still more to follow. Each of us drew a number from a bag Gay passed around as she explained the rules for “dirty Santa” which followed. Starting with number “1”, gifts were selected and unwrapped. As the game went on many with higher numbers had an opportunity to steal prior gifts rather than selecting a new one. Some gifts ended up going around the room, but according to Gay’s rules a gift was only subject to stealing 3 times. It quickly became obvious that starting with a high number had its advantage.

Jim Pepper concluded the evening with a new story of events that took place around Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. Then we recited the Optimist Creed and adjourned. A good time was had by all. Thanks again to Buddy and the Peppers. There’s one more meeting this year, December 17, at the Optimist Recreation Center. At this business meeting we’ll be filling a slot on the Huntsville Optimist Foundation board, so we need a quorum (16, I think). When we next meet after that I think we’ll be competing with the National Championship game in Pasadena. ROLL TIDE!

#### CALENDAR

12/17      Thurs.11:45      ORC                      Business Meeting

