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## Bulletin of the Optimist Club of Huntsville

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President.....Bob Martin  
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Tom Casteel '10	Buddy Beck '11
Matt Hancock '10	Jim Berry '11
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Today we held our last meeting of the year, a business meeting. Some were worried we might not have a quorum in order to legally conduct business, but this was not the case. I think we had more than 20 at the ORC and we enjoyed pizza. It was especially notable that two old-time members attended – Paul Fowler and John Shirey. Their sage thinking added immeasurably to the items under discussion today, and we hope both will resolve to be more active in 2010. John thanked the group for their many telephone calls and encouraging wishes during his recovery period. Gay Pepper was unanimously re-elected to another 3-year term on HOF's Board.

Pres. Bob Martin thanked the members for furnishing about 400 batteries for powering Christmas Charities toys, and for the eight Optimists and wives who worked a 2-hour shift, packaging gifts for Santa's upcoming distribution. I understand a rewarding time was had by all.

Al Renz reported on playground progress. He noted the Times front-page coverage, featuring our Connie, along with Greg Patterson, the mayor and others. He added that a decision of support by the city and county was expected soon. Al identified many organizations recently sending in checks. A fundraiser is being planned as a February event at the JayCee Center where noted local celebrities have been invited to bake cookies for sale. While Al had the floor he reviewed our financial report, showing us in good shape, but added a more sobering note that our board finds it necessary to drop six members for non-payment of dues – some of whom are past presidents and former board members. This will occur December 31. Our membership will then stand at 37. If you are one of those in danger of being dropped give Al a call and see what can possibly be done to avoid this action.

Our first meeting in January will be the 7<sup>th</sup> at the DHI. Patty Walker is program chairman for the month.

#### CALENDAR

01/05	Tues. 4:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Commercial Bank	Board Meeting
01/07	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	TBA (Patty Walker)

