



OPTI-TOPICS

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Pres. Bob presided over today's business meeting at the ORC. Chaplain Sidney led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Patti arranged for our food – box lunches from Quizno's. Pres. Bob had his joke (which I'm sorry to say I can't remember). Then he showed an interesting short video recorded during our Christmas party. Jim Roe has contacted every high school in the county, but so far has received only one essay. The Oratorical contest seems to be progressing. Also, the OI Internet program is in the works to alert schools to be aware of scams and other objectionable material out there to confront students. Pres. Bob is taking the lead on this, and will be making his first presentation soon. Alberto reported that Mary Flynn (Hawthorne Conservatory) will be recommending a date for our annual pancake breakfast. The club is in need of a program chairman for March. Please contact Pres. Bob if you can take this on. Al Renz volunteered to handle the March business meeting food.

Connie gave us an in-depth status report on the playground with particular emphasis on the Saturday, February 6 fundraiser at the JayCee's Building, starting at 6:00 pm. She is still collecting items to be auctioned off that night to support the playground. Buck Rogers, Stars General Manager, and his wife Babs have become very involved. Note that Buck will be our luncheon speaker February 11. Many sports related and Valentine's Day related items will be up for silent or live bidding.

Connie said she hopes to have more Stars Nights for playground support this season. Al has tickets for the event (\$25 each or 2 for \$40), and they're starting to sell. It sounds like some interesting food will be offered prepared by a diverse cross section of vendors. Special baked and decorated cookies by Huntsville celebrities should result in lively competitive bidding.

Sec/Treas Renz announced that the club is generally in good shape; financially speaking, and he distributed a financial statement to back this up. But, three more long time members have resigned. Our roster now stands at 34 members. Even though we had this short fall, we learned about some Optimist fruitage. Recall Al's sons talking to our club on Jan. 7 and we awarding them each a ceramic Creed. The younger son became so impressed with what we stand for that he decided to share it with his colleagues at Boeing. Now Seattle is experiencing a **surge** in Optimism. We need such a **surge** here to complement our industrial growth as being reported by national publications.

Tom Casteel signed up two new members of the dime-a-day program for scholarships. I understand our club leads the District in this.

CALENDAR

01/28	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Kevin Ready, Hunts. Hosp. Wellness Center
02/02	Tues. 4:00pm	1 st Comm. Bank	Board Meeting
02/04	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Dr. Randall Sandlin, Sleep Apnea
02/06	Sat. 6:00pm	JayCees Bldg.	Playground Fund Raiser
02/11	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Buck Rogers, Stars General Manager
02/18	Thurs.11:45	ORC	Business Meeting (Food by Renz & Co.)
02/25	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Terry Wingo, Pharmacist

