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Pres. Bob Martin gaveled our luncheon meeting to order at 11:45 am today. He called on Jim Berry for a prayer and to lead us in the pledge of allegiance. Next, Tom Casteel passed out a stack of photographs taken during our Christmas party and invited the members to help themselves to those of interest. Many thanks to Tom for this.

Tom and Bob then told about the recent District Board Meeting. This was a unique gathering where our Governor, Jim Miner, and the Arkansas District Governor, who is a long-time friend of Jim's, shared the spotlight in a combined meeting of the two Districts. I understand it was well attended, the International Representative being OI's President, Mark Shriver. Friday night was highlighted by a keyboard player and storyteller who entertained for two hours, and the attendees were sorry to have the hotel management bring things to a conclusion due to the lateness of the hour.

Activities on Saturday featured a model NOW Banquet where a new member from Mississippi was actually installed by the President of Optimist International – probably an experience he won't soon forget. Pres. Bob said he was proud to represent our club and be the recipient of numerous awards, almost to the point of being embarrassed by being called to the front of the room 5 times. These included A&A (Awards & Achievement) winner, Pacesetter recognition for Junior Optimist Club growth, PGI (Personal Growth and Involvement), and Honor Club status. Since Past-Pres. Al Renz was unquestionably the prime mover for most of this, Pres. Bob presented Al with various certificates and trophies marking his year and we gave Al a resounding applause.

Pres. Bob noted we still have only one essay for our contest and that the closing date for submission is February 1. February 10 is the deadline for submitting oratorical contest applications. Bob will be making a presentation to Carol Spencer, an administrator in the school system about how teachers can alert their students to Internet concerns and cautions through Optimist International's Internet Safety Education Program. Al said Optimists are way behind Kiwanians in buying tickets to attend and support the February 6 playground fundraiser. The Zone Respect for Law Banquet will be May 3, and it will again be held at the Mayfair Church of Christ in Jones Valley with the Madison Club taking a leading role.

Patti introduced our speaker, Kevin Ready, from Huntsville Hospital's Wellness Center. He described the facilities available at three locations, and the importance of a regular exercise regime. A show of hands revealed we have several closet exercisers. He brought along a health book that we might award as a door prize. Zack's name was drawn. Bill Clarke won the regular money prize. Next week Dr. Randall Sandlin will discuss sleep apnea and what has been found to be effective in treating this malady.

CALENDAR

02/02	Tues. 4:00 pm	1st Commercial	Board Meeting
		Bank	
02/04	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	Dr. Randall Sandlin,
			Sleep Apnea
02/06	Sat. 6:00 pm	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

