



OPTI-TOPICS

Bulletin of the Optimist Club of Huntsville

OFFICERS 2009 - 2010

President.....Bob Martin
1st Vice President.....Jim Roe
2nd Vice President.....Jim Pepper
Secretary Treasurer.....Al Renz

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Casteel '10 Buddy Beck '11
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Patti Walker '11

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In lieu of our traditional invocation today Pres. Bob Martin read an original poem written by our chaplain Sidney Sandridge. After we pledged allegiance and enjoyed a fried chicken buffet arranged by Al Renz, we moved right into club business.



Pres. Bob commented on our essay contest awards presentation held last Saturday, recommending that to attract more participation next year that we consider increasing the monetary prizes (probably doubling the dollar amount) next time. Tom Casteel added that Optimist International is aware that our Optimist year starts October 1, and that schools have been session several weeks by that date and have settled into a routine. For this reason OI plans to have Oratorical and Essay titles in place by July, and he recommends those planning on

chairing those committees get started as soon as school opens by contacting Principals and have them, in turn, charge specific Teachers to work with us on these contests, and return them to their former popularity, especially if we opt to increase the prizes.

Clyde Nevins and Gay Pepper are working to organize this year's YAW (Youth Appreciation Week) to be celebrated April 22. They project approximately 8 middle schools will have outstanding honorees recognized. Parents and a teacher to describe the student's achievements will be invited to attend a formal banquet for the occasion, featuring a motivational keynote speaker. George Ferrell has the other April programs. These can be found in our Calendar. This week, March 25th, you have a chance to hear and question Mayor Battle. Please ask a potential member to join you at this meeting. Lt. Gov. Tom Howell will soon reveal Zone "Respect for Law" activities held in May each year.

Al Renz gave Jim Berry his Level II PGI pin today, mainly for sponsoring Jesse Lang into membership. Furthermore, Al announced that our roster has been painfully pared to 33 with 4 others slightly delinquent in dues. We need new members. Jim Roe recently sponsored new member Jack Fauble – an addition to the Harvest mafia.

At the April business meeting be ready to vote on next year's officers. Nominating committee chairman Al Renz announced the following slate:

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Pres.	Jim Roe	Gay Pepper	'11
1 st VP	Jim Pepper	Buddy Beck	'11
2 nd VP	Jim Berry	Patti Walker	'11

Secretary/Treasurer – to be appointed by the President

BOARD

Tom Casteel	'12
Connie Gipson	'12
Matt Hancock	'12

CALENDAR

03/25	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	Mayor Tommy Battle
04/01	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	Betsy Ross – colonial times
04/06	Tues. 4:00pm	1 st Comm. Bank	Board Meeting
04/08	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	Young & Restless – singing
04/15	Thurs. 11:45	ORC	Business Meeting
04/22	Thurs. TBA	TBA	YAW
04/29	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	Global Warming

