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We had two notable guests at our luncheon meeting today: Kimberly Scott, guest of Duane Plank; and Dr. George McDonough, guest of Jim Berry. Kimberly was our motivational speaker for our Youth Appreciation Week banquet last week. George is retired from NASA where he was MSFC's Director of Science & Engineering. Chaplain Sidney Sandridge emphasized club fellowship in his invocation, and then led us in the pledge of allegiance. Hopefully, our guests received a good impression of our club and will consider joining us in fellowship and working with the community's youth via our many programs. After enjoying a meal of the chef's choice, Pres. Bob gave the meeting to order. As the first order of business he indoctrinated our two newest members officially into our club: Jesse Lang, sponsored by Jim Berry; and Jack Fauble, sponsored by Jim Roe. Bob reported that the keynote speaker for the up-coming Zone "Respect for Law" meeting Monday, May 3, will be Circuit Court Judge Girard. Our honoree for the event will be Steve Finley, one of Sheriff Dorning's deputies. Pres. Bob reported briefly on the recent District Board Meeting, and informed us that the next meeting is scheduled to be in Huntsville August 19 – 22.



Marcia Cobun noted that NASA's 50th anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, August 21, with many open-house events planned. Stay tuned. Marcia is the official coordinator of MSFC speakers to the community, and she was present to assist our speaker today. George Ferrell introduced Vann R. Jones. He is a native of Gadsden, with a BS degree from UA – Tuscaloosa, and has been employed with NASA for nearly 3 decades at both Houston and Huntsville, and currently serves in MSFC's Chief Information Office. At the outset he remarked that he would not be addressing earth warming as we had been advertising, but, rather, he proceeded to very proudly and enthusiastically trace the space accomplishments here with the US Army and then MSFC, including a glimpse into the future. Perhaps the MSFC event being prepared for Saturday, August 21 could meld in some way with our meeting where Optimists from all over the District will be convening here at that time.

Al Renz reported there would be a May 24 playground fundraiser at Logan's Roadhouse, featuring celebrity waiters – one being our own Pres. Bob. All tips go to the playground. Then, too, on June 26, 400 Boston Butts will be cooked and sold, also benefiting the playground. Remember, there will be no luncheon meeting May 6. Chev Kellog's name was drawn for the attendance prize, and he was not present so the pot continues to grow. Make sure you're here when your time comes – and bring a guest.

CALENDAR

05/03	Mon.	TBD	Mayfair Church	Respect For Law Banquet
05/06	NO NOON MEETING			
05/13	Thurs.	11:45	DHI	Billy Orton Music Director/Conductor Community Chorus
05/20	Thurs.	11:45	ORC	Business Meeting (FOOD: Tom Casteel)
05/27	Thurs.	11:45	DHI	Joel Mason Mountain Gap Band Director

