



OPTI-TOPICS

Bulletin of the Optimist Club of Huntsville

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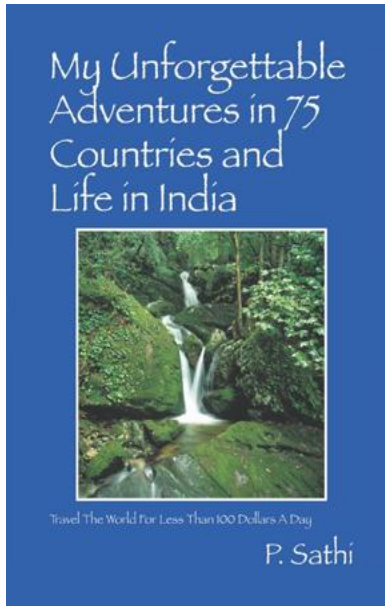
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Pres. Bob Martin asked Al Renz to offer the invocation prior to today's luncheon, in the absence of Chaplain Sandridge. There were no guests today, and, unfortunately, only 15 members in attendance. Tom Casteel reported on the very successful District Convention held in HSV over the weekend. Furthermore, he thanked those generously contributing door prizes. Our new Gov.-Elect is Helen Howard from the Tuskegee Club. Tom was especially impressed by the musical renditions provided Sunday morning by Jeremy and Justin Jordan, the young men that sang at our Respect for Law Banquet. Jeremy is now a sophomore at Oakwood University and Justin is a senior at Lee High School. While Tom had the floor he asked Optimists to volunteer to be points-of-contact to 3 middle school band directors. Also, he thanked Jesse Lang for agreeing to lead Tri-Star Basketball this year. Pres. Bob informed us that installation of 2010/2011 club officers is scheduled for Thursday night, September 30 at the Downtown Holiday Inn.

Al Renz reported that a 2nd Celebrity Waiter Night will be held Monday, August 30, at Logan's Roadhouse on Balmoral Drive to benefit the playground. Plan to eat out that night and cough up generous gratuities. All \$\$ go to playground coffers. All invited members to take a look at the recently completed pavilion at the playground site. He also passed around a Huntsville Times writeup of one of our members – creative craftsman George Kost. George, we miss you.



Zack introduced our speaker and newest member, Peter Sathi. Peter reviewed his book, "My Unforgettable Adventures in 75 Countries and Life in India." I didn't get to hear his entire message since I had to leave early. I'm sure there were stories behind his hat and other decorated regalia. I did learn that from a very early age in the 1930s he dreamt of traveling to the USA, and when in 1984 this became possible his dreams were immensely exceeded. He gave many examples showing his gratitude and pride to now call himself an American citizen. He encouraged each of us to write a book describing our unique experiences for our children and future generations, and to start today. In a few months you'll be proud to have a finished product to add to your family's lore.

CALENDAR

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| 09/02 | Thurs. 11:45 | DHI | Sue Chatam – OSCHER |
| 09/07 | Tues. 4:00pm | 1 st Commercial Bank | Board Meeting |

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