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## Bulletin of the Optimist Club of Huntsville

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Pres. Bob Martin thanked all the members for supporting him this year. Today marked his final business meeting. Bob called on Chaplain Sandridge for words of gratitude for our countless blessings, and for the

fellowship we enjoy at our club meetings. After we pledged allegiance to “old glory” Jim Roe, our soon-to-be President, encouraged all members to be active in chairing or working on committees. There still exists opportunities to be program chairman for a month. Contact Jim if you can help.

Secretary/Treasurer Al Renz reviewed our financial status through the month of August; and our budget for the year starting October 1, 2010, recently approved by our Board of Directors. The business of our club is in good hands, and we extended to Al a sincere round of applause for his tenacity in getting his arms around our financial problems. Pres. Bob announced that the Board has approved increasing the dollar value of the prizes for our annual Oratorical and Essay Contests to the following: 1<sup>st</sup> (\$200), 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$150) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$50). Hopefully, this will prove more attractive to participating schools and individuals, along with the new upper age for the Oratorical Contest being advanced from 16 years of age to 18.

Jim Berry, program chairman for October, gave us an enthusiastic glimpse of what he has planned. On the 7<sup>th</sup> we'll hear the Center for Aging's Dr. Zheer Khan. On the 14<sup>th</sup> two ladies, Natasha McCarry and Erynn Showers, from the Children First organization will describe how they lovingly prepare and distribute food to children in our community. Then, on the 28<sup>th</sup>, Jim is especially excited to have Doug Bennett of Theatrical Lighting Systems, Inc. tell us about their creative lighting, e.g., the RSA hotels in Montgomery and Mobile. Al Renz will be providing food for the October business meeting. He and Marlene always provide an excellent repast!

Tom Casteel informed us that about half of our available band instruments have been placed in middle schools. The Madison County Elementary School in Gurley has been included for the first time. Their school goes through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Tom has been putting our inventory in better condition by searching the internet for bargain buys to replace some damaged instruments. Many broken cases have been replaced. Gay reported that community service checks will be mailed out today. Be sure to sign up for the installation of Officers and Board members on September 30. Hear Pres. Bob's top joke of the year, and learn Pres. Jim's vision for the year ahead.

### CALENDAR

09/23	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Gene Pospicil – Stock Broker
09/30	Thurs. 6:30pm	DHI	Installation of Officers & Board
10/07	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Dr. Zheer Khan Center for Aging
10/14	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Natasha McCrarry & Erynn Showers Children First
10/21	Thurs.11:45	ORC	Business Meeting (Food by Renz's)
10/28	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Doug Bennett Theatrical Lighting Systems, Inc.

