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Last night the club installed Officers and Directors for the coming year. Pres. Bob Martin called on Chaplain Sidney Sandridge for our devotional. Then, after pledging allegiance to the flag, a delicious meal was served: turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots and string beans, followed by a triple-layered chocolate cake (overflowing with calories).

Pres. Bob noted we had 21 members and 14 guests present. He welcomed everyone to the event, and had all guests introduced. Our new Lt. Gov. Charles McCubbins and his wife were among the guests. Bob next shared his joke of the year with the gathering, and then presented a very professional slide show highlighting our activities during his year as our leader. Everyone was proud to be part of the many club-oriented achievements and community service that was accomplished. Way to go, Bob!

Bob and his wife Nancy presented beautiful certificates to each member for their support during the year; and, Nancy added a jar of Bob's Beez honey. Tom Casteel took pictures of Bob with each member.

Lt. Gov. McCubbins proceeded to officiate over the installation, and then followed with brief congratulatory remarks for our achievements. He said that when visiting clubs in his Zone his theme will be that he was amazed at what people will do for a little honey! The gavel was then passed to incoming Pre. Jim Roe. Jim complimented Bob for his fine year and presented him with a plaque from the club.

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Also, as a personal gift, Jim presented Bob with a coffee cup with his name on it in memory of the occasion. Jim went on to tell a couple of jokes "borrowed" from Sidney, and then talked the upcoming District Meeting in Mississippi, urging all who can to attend. He also appealed to some of our older members who have been there, done that, and collected their tee shirts – to get more active and go for another shirt. Bring a guest this week and learn Dr. Khan's thoughts on aging.

The meeting ended with the reciting of the Optimist Creed, followed by singing Sidney's "Sippin' Cider." I couldn't make the meeting, but I understand an outstanding evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all. I thank Al Renz for e-mailing the essential coverage.

CALENDAR

10/07 Thurs.11:45 Downtown Holiday Inn

Dr. Zheer Khan – Center for Aging

10/14 Thurs.11:45 Downtown Holiday Inn

Natasha McCrarry & Erynn Showers, Children First

10/21 Thurs.11:45 Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting (Food by Renz's)

10/28 Thurs.11:45 Downtown Holiday Inn

Doug Bennett – Theatrical Lighting Systems, Inc.