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Pres. Jim Roe asked Sidney Sandridge to give today's invocation prior to our Business Meeting at the ORC. After pledging allegiance we enjoyed the food offered by Al Renz and Darrell McColgan. This consisted of hot soup, a variety of hot sandwiches, fruit salad, cookies and drinks with plenty of seconds.

At 12:15 Jim banged the bell with authority to start, as he stated, to cover a lot of ground. Jim's first Business Meeting became quite active. Several announcements were made, including the reading of a letter from OI to Tom Casteel, congratulating him on sponsoring a new member. We now have 2 new members this Optimist year (our goal being to sign up at least 8). Sec./Treas. Al added that this brings our current membership to 40. Jim showed an achievement patch for our banner, awarded to him at last week's District meeting.

Jim, then, passed around a sign-up sheet, giving members an opportunity to become monthly program chairman (Jan., Feb, and June have not been claimed). Also, certain other committee heads need to be staffed. Pres. Jim noted that a change in luncheon speakers has occurred to accommodate Charles Wiley who will be in town on October 28. Charles has addressed the club on other occasions, and you might recall his original remarks that are always thought provoking. This will be an excellent time to invite a guest. The originally scheduled program for that date has been shifted to the first week in December. The Peppers are arranging for our November speakers, and Gay has agreed to oversee our Christmas party once again. Also, Gay will find a place for former Sec./Treas. Jeff Klimek's file cabinet. I understand it contains many historical items.



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Connie talked about playground fund raising. The next event will be the Hampton Cove Greenway race in December (see Al Renz if you can help), and then another Valentine's auction and food tasting will be held in February. Alberto has talked with Mary Flynn from the Hawthorne Conservatory, and she's hoping we'll have a pancake breakfast in their new facility in the February timeframe.

Jesse Lang is organizing the Tri Star basketball event at the ORC November 20. See him if you can help with this.

George Kost introduced us to his plans for developing an outdoor classroom. His detailed drawings are very impressive. The development will be located at the Academy of Science and Foreign Language adjacent to Davis Hills School on Mastin Lake Road. Al Renz asked the club to support George making a presentation to the Huntsville Optimist Foundation. A show of hands indicated the club agreed. Such a meeting will be scheduled.

CALENDAR

10/28	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	Charles Wiley
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