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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! It was good to assemble again as the Huntsville Optimist Club for lunch and fellowship at the hotel (Downtown Holiday Inn). Pres. Jim Roe was not present, having recently lost his mother. Bob Martin said a spray of flowers from the club was sent to her

funeral. VP Jim Pepper presided today. He noted that 25 members were in attendance – a pretty good turnout for our first meeting of the year. Perhaps 2011 will see a growth trend – if we all make inviting guests a priority. Sidney Sandridge gave the invocation and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

George Kost was the designated program chairman for January, but he was a no-show. I called him following the meeting, and he promises a good speaker next week. Knowing George, I feel it will be a creative event. Bring a guest. Fortunately, Peter Sathi was back from his extended trip to India and other countries, and he agreed to share his thoughts and recent experiences with the club. Peter is optimistic about the future of the USA as well as India, stemming from their democratic forms of government. He was especially complimentary of our First Lady as a well-liked representative of America in India.

One of our newer members, Jack Wolf, a recently retired bird colonel, announced that he and his wife are about to embark on a country-wide trip over the next year. After that, his sponsor, Al Renz, says he will become a vital Optimist leader. Jack believes in lead, follow or get out of his way.

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VP Jim passed the bucket for supporting child cancer research, and since our regular attendance prize collection was unable to be drawn for, due to not having the box of names, it, too, went into the bucket. A luncheon speaker in February will expand on this program. Al Renz reminded us of the February 5 playground fundraiser. VP Jim and Bob Martin were encouraged about the prospects of a possible new JOOI Club at Hazel Green High School.



CALENDAR

1/13 Thurs. 11:45 Downtown Holiday Inn

TBA - George Kost

1/20 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank

Board Meeting

Bill Clarke suggested that an Optimistic Quote be added to the newsletter. I think that that is a great idea. This week's quote was submitted by Bill. It is from Bill Gates' review of "The Rational Optimist" by Matt Ridley.

Tom

Optimistic Quote of The Week

"I have observed that not the man who hopes when others despair, but the man who despairs when others hope, is admired by a large class of persons as a sage."

John Stuart Mill