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Today we met at the ORC for our monthly business meeting. Duane Plank led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance before we lined up for a selection of pizza.

Pres. Jim Roe put the gavel to the bell with authority at 12:15. He called Alberto and Fabiani to the podium where he presented the latter with a new member kit, and had the former attach an Optimist membership pin to his son's lapel. Patti took a picture of the occasion for posterity. Those in attendance gave an enthusiastic welcome to our new member, and called for the customary speech. At first Fabiani was reluctant, but then he proceeded to give an off-the-cuff meaningful account of what being a member means to him. The Optimist Club, he said, changed his life. He recounted his essay contest and oratorical contest participation from an early age, and playing a major role in organizing the Randolph Junior Optimist Club, and being Charter President of the ROC. This taste of leadership served him well during his college days at Vanderbilt. We know that Fabiani plans to soon be enrolled somewhere in law school, but while he is with us, I feel he is just the ingredient we need to become revitalized.

Pres. Roe distributed copies of Sec./Treas. Al's financial report. Some members asked for further understanding of some of the numbers, but Bob Martin said clarification will have to be provided by Al. I understand Al is making steady slow progress and hopes to be back with us for the February business meeting. Alberto is still contacting Mary Flynn of the Hawthorne Conservatory to establish a date for our next pancake breakfast. Jack Fauble reported a slow response to our essay contest even though the prize money has doubled and Jack has made a mighty effort to generate interest. Fabiani said he will contact the current ROC for a fast turnaround of essays. Jesse Lang is still optimistic about our

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oratorical contest now set for Saturday, March 12 at the ORC – 9:30 am.

At our next business meeting the club will elect two members to the HOF (Huntsville Optimist Foundation) Board. Alberto's and Gay's terms ended 12/31/10. They can either be reelected to 3-year terms or someone else can be voted in. Certain requirements have to be met to qualify. Mainly, a candidate must have been a member of the club for 5 years. John Shirey is attempting to locate all keys to our Band Instrument closet at the ORC. These are security keys, and cannot be copied. Please call John if you possess one of the keys.



CALENDAR

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| 1/27 | Thurs.11:45 | Downtown Holiday Inn
Ken Ward, Phd, Alabama A&M Forestry,
Ecology & Wildlife Program |
| 2/3 | Thurs.11:45 | Downtown Holiday Inn
TBA - Jim Pepper |
| 2/10 | Thurs.11:45 | Downtown Holiday Inn
Dr. Russo - Women's Cancer |
| 2/15 | Tuesday 4:00 pm | 1 st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting |
| 2/17 | Thurs.11:45 | Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - |
| 2/24 | Thurs.11:45 | Downtown Holiday Inn
Martha Pullen - St. Judes |

Optimistic Quote of The Week

"The average pencil is seven inches long, with just a half-inch eraser - in case you thought optimism was dead"

Robert Braul