

# Opti - Topics

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Climate change was in evidence once again today. Glaciers may be melting in Greenland, but in Huntsville, Alabama the snow came down, the schools were closed, and our attendance was off. About a dozen or so, however, braved the arctic elements and showed up. Our scheduled speaker was not among them. Did Punxsutawney Phil get it wrong? or is spring really about to break out. Past-Pres. Bob Martin set up our sound system and assumed control of our meeting. His wife was our lone guest. Bob asked Rev. Berry to start things off with a prayer, and he opted to read a passage penned by our Chaplain Sidney Sandridge.

Following the meal Bob asked Al Renz to talk about PGI. Al passed out a passport of personal growth and involvement for each club member present, updated for our current year. The passport clearly shows what it takes to advance oneself to the next PGI Level. Al looks forward to working with each of us on this. Furthermore, Al reviewed the recent playground fundraising auction, and was happy to report that our club filled 2 tables and purchased several items. At next week's business meeting he'll report on how much was raised.

Jack Fauble has in hand 18 essays to be judged. He credited Fabiani and Byrom for many late entries. Again, Jesse Lang cited Fabiani for 4 new oratorical contestants, and maybe a few more. Fabiani reported that he and Patti have been reviewing our by-laws, and will present their findings and recommendations next week at the ORC. It looks like things are shaping up for a long agenda, including voting on HOF Board members, and any items resulting from the club board meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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Al Renz alerted us to a new wrinkle to our luncheon programs. From time to time *entertainment* is to be stressed, rather than youth needs and activities. The first event of this nature will be April 7 when a country singer will be featured. Mark your calendar. We expect a good turnout that will require reservations to ensure a proper number of meals will be prepared.

Jim Berry announced that Dr. George McDonough has decided to cast his lot with us. Welcome aboard, George, Keep up the good work, Jim. There was no box of members names today, so the pot carries over till the 24<sup>th</sup>. According to my notes Tom Casteel is program chairman for March.



## CALENDAR

- |      |                                  |                                 |
|------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2/15 | Tuesday 4:00 pm                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Commercial Bank |
|      | <b>Board Meeting</b>             |                                 |
| 2/17 | Thurs. 11:45                     | Optimist Recreation Center      |
|      | <b>Business Meeting -</b>        |                                 |
| 2/24 | Thurs. 11:45                     | Downtown Holiday Inn            |
|      | <b>Martha Pullen - St. Judes</b> |                                 |

## Optimistic Quote of The Week

**How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world.”**

*William Shakespeare*