



# Opti - Topics

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VP Jim Pepper started today's business meeting at the ORC. Jim Berry gave our prayer and led us in the pledge of allegiance. Shortly, Pres. Jim Roe arrived and ran the rest of the meeting. Sec/Treas Al Renz projected the financial report on the monitor and stepped us through the salient features. Then it was announced that George Kost and Paul Fowler had resigned, both being in good standing. Bob Martin identified those celebrating February birthdays and we honored them in song.

Then Al Renz projected that part of the Huntsville Optimist Foundation (HOF) by-laws pertinent to electing HOF Board members. He explained how some are elected by the club and others by some of the current HOF Board members called Associates. Total membership of the board is 7, and all serve 3-year terms, staggered such that no more than 3 come up for election each year. This preamble was to educate the club for today's vote on 2 vacancies on the board. After a lot of discussion Alberto Duarte and Al Renz were elected to serve until 12/31/13.

Pres. Jim received three patches for our banner at the recent District meeting: one for 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Athens in overall achievement, one for participating in the HOBY leadership program, and the third for our club contributing \$50 per member to the Optimist International Foundation.

Tom Casteel noted that it's time for band instrument committee members to start planning for the awards we present every spring to a player at each school whom the band director deems best meets our criteria. He added that no previous winners can be considered. Band room plaques should be picked up for engraving, and the time and place of the school's final concert determined.

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Jack Fauble reported that essays are currently being judged and all deadlines will be met. Jesse Lang was not able to be present today, but Jim Berry assured us that progress is being made for the March 12 oratorical contest at the ORC.

The Respect for Law Banquet will be held again at the Mayfair Church of Christ in May. Sheriff Dorning will name our honoree. Pres.

Jim asked Zack to set a date for Youth Appreciation Week, possibly in April.

Connie reported the playground coffers were over 10K\$ richer as a result of the auction fundraiser. Celebrity waiter events at Logan's Roadhouse have proven lucrative and more are planned. Al is working on a plan whereby Optimists and Kiwanians will supply paid manpower to the Huntsville Stars concession stand for each game to support the playground.

Alberto will soon reveal a March or April date for our pancake breakfast.

Jim Pepper remarked that Logan McElyea has taken a turn for the worse, and is in CPU in Memphis. Jim asks that prayers for Logan continue.

Fabiani and Patti will be commenting on their review of club by-laws at our March business meeting.

Pres. Jim said a nominating committee has been formed to pick a slate of officers for next year.



## CALENDAR

- 2/24 Thursday 11:45 Downtown Holiday Inn  
**Martha Pullen - St. Judes**
- 3/1 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Commercial Bank  
**Board Meeting**
- 3/3 Thursday 11:45 Downtown Holiday Inn  
**Stephanie Osborn - Novelist**
- 3/10 Thursday 11:45 Downtown Holiday Inn  
**Dr. Russo - Women's Cancer**
- 3/12 Saturday TBA Optimist Recreation Center  
**Club Oratorical Contest**
- 3/17 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting -**
- 3/24 Thursday 11:45 Downtown Holiday Inn  
**TBA - Tom Casteel**
- 3/31 Thursday 11:45 Downtown Holiday Inn  
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### Optimistic Quote of The Week

"A pessimist sees only the dark side of the clouds, and mopes; a philosopher sees both sides, and shrugs; an optimist doesn't see the clouds at all - he's walking on them. "

*Leonard Louis Levinson*