

Opti - Topics

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Sidney Sandridge led us in prayer and the pledge of allegiance prior to today's business meeting. Also, thanks to Marlene and Al we enjoyed some of the best beef brisket. The departure from the usual business meeting fare was appreciated by all.

Pres. Jim Roe asked Al to go over the monthly financial statement which showed the club to be fiscally sound. Pres. Jim announced that Patti Walker has resigned from the club; and since she was a club Director serving a term running till 9/30/11, the board asked Fabiani to replace her – and he agreed to do so. We're always sorry when we lose a member, especially one who so exuded Optimism. Fabiani and Patti have been studying our by-laws, and were on the verge of reporting their findings to the club. Fabiani asked that a senior member join him on the by-law committee to review their recommendations.

The Regional Oratorical Contest was held last Saturday with our speaker advancing to District competition to vie for a significant scholarship. The District meeting will be held 4/29 to 5/1 in Shreveport.

Peter Sathi plans to get June speakers, but asks that someone else be responsible for the business-meeting food. Alberto will do this. Further out Jim noted a need for a program chairman for September which was Patti's month. Al Renz volunteered to see about business-meeting food, and Jim Pepper offered to get speakers. A sense of generosity of time and talent seems to be prevailing in our club.

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Tom Casteel said he could use another band instrument committee member, since Patti was responsible for certain schools. Alfred and Fabiani volunteered to join the committee.

Al reported that whereas we could claim 3 JOOI Clubs last year, giving us a high A & A level of points, this year we have 2. However, Fabiani said that Hazel Green will soon have a JOOI Club. Jim Berry's granddaughter is a junior at that school and is the key person. A meeting was recently held with several students, a faculty advisor, the school Principal, along with Jim Berry, Jim Pepper and Fabiani. 1st VP Pepper gave an overview of our club, and Fabiani described forming a JOOI Club at Randolph. Fabiani said the caliber of the students they met with and their high interest was very impressive.

The Youth Appreciation Week Banquet on Tuesday promises to be noteworthy. The keynote speaker will be the well-known and loved Rev. Ralph Langley. Remember there will be no meeting on Thursday next week. Jack Fauble, program chairman for May, will have our Essay Contest winners and their parents at our May 26 luncheon with the 1st place winner reading her essay. Jack appealed to the club to increase the prize money next time.

Alberto has contacted Mary Flynn and they're talking about a September date for the pancake breakfast.

Carl W.



Optimistic Quote of The Week

One of the things I learned the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get discouraged. Keeping busy and making optimism a way of life can restore your faith in yourself.

Lucille Ball

CALENDAR

- 4/26 Tuesday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ
Youth Appreciation Week Banquet
- 4/28 Thursday **NO MEETING**
- 5/2 Monday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ
Respect For Law Banquet
- 5/3 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting
- 5/5 Thursday **NO MEETING**
- 5/12 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Curtis Hunt - B.S.A.
- 5/19 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food Jack Fauble
- 5/26 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Essay Contest Winners