

# Opti - Topics

Bulletin of the Optimist Club of Huntsville

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Our President Jim Roe kicked off our annual Youth Appreciation Banquet with a rousing welcome to all members and guests. This was followed by Dr. Sandridge giving the invocation and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jack Fauble then gave an inspiring presentation directed at the youth present and challenged them to participate in our Essay Contest next year.

Jesse Land, Chairman of our Oratorical Contest introduced Alyse Hester who won our club and the Zone and Regional contests. Alyse gave her speech in her usual exuberant manner and was roundly applauded for her presentation. Everyone wished her luck in the District competition.

Zack Thompson then introduced our speaker for the evening, Dr. Ralph Langley, Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church Huntsville. If you have ever heard Dr. Langley speak you know how inspirational his speeches can be. For our banquet he outdid himself, telling many stories and quoting the appropriate Bible verses. He received a standing round of applause.

Jim Roe, assisted by Gay Pepper, then called on the sponsors of our twelve honorees to talk about and introduce the honorees. They were as follows:

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Boys and Girls Club – sponsor Ruben Flores  
Carron Stone, Karrington Oliver and Maranda Altwies

Ed White Middle School – sponsor Bonnie Garrett  
Chamari Browne, Destinee Joiner, Joshua Baker, Keiona  
Houston, and Rebecca Adams

Madison Academy – sponsor Dr. Michael Weimer  
Abbie Worley

Randolph School – sponsor Polly Robb  
Megan Roberts and Neil Vuppala

Westlawn Middle School – sponsors Carla Parker and Nicole  
Smith  
Selina Johnson

President Jim Roe gave his closing remarks and  
thanked Gay and Jim Pepper for their work which was  
followed by the reciting of our Creed.

*Al*

## CALENDAR

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**

## Optimistic Quote of The Week

When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.

*Charles A. Beard*