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Jim Berry gave our invocation today and led us in the pledge of allegiance. Our attendance was swelled owing to emphasis on our Essay Contest held earlier this year. Parents, teachers and contest winners were invited, adding to an exciting atmosphere. It's always rewarding to spread our Optimism to those not meeting with us regularly.

Pres. Jim Roe called on Fabiani to report on the status of new JOOI Clubs. Fabiani announced that Junior Optimist Clubs at Hazel Green and Grace Lutheran will soon come into existence. Jim Berry's granddaughter is the key person at the former; and it has to be said that Fabiani, himself was the **closer** at Grace Lutheran. Fabiani introduced his guest, a fraternity brother from Vanderbilt, and now employed at Northrop Grumman. His guest told me that they met their first day in college.

Ralph Caneer asked to say a word of gratitude for the club's remembering his mother who recently passed. He reminded us of a little known feature of the HOF (Huntsville Optimist Foundation), showing a \$100 check to the HOF in remembrance of his mother from an unannounced donor.



Jack Fauble then conducted the Essay Contest portion of our meeting by introducing parents, teachers, and contest winners; and presented framed certificates (courtesy of Clyde) as well as checks: \$200 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place, and \$50 for 3rd.

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Jack read a letter of congratulations from District Governor-Elect Helen Howard for our first place winner who, then, excellently read her essay. It was well thought out and given just the right expression. She should consider our Oratorical Contest as well next time. Jim Roe commented that he heard all the essays submitted by clubs in AL, MS, and LA at the District level, and that he would have voted for our entrant even without any pre-knowledge of its source. He said it was a real close decision by the judges.

Jack thanked those who worked with him on this and offered to be chairman again next year if Jim Pepper chooses him. He noted that many clubs in the District had zero or one essayist, whereas we had 13. He promises many more next year. I think you'll agree Jack's contest was held in a dignified manner, deserving of another opportunity. Fabiani commented that participation in our Essay Contest and Oratorical Contest were significant preparation for his college work.

Next week, Thursday, June 2, our own Peter Sathi will be our speaker, giving his impression from a lifetime of world travel.

Zack won the money today.



Optimistic Quote of The Week

" I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work. "

Thomas Alva Edison

CALENDAR

6/2 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

Peter Sahti - The World

6/6 Tuesday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ

Respect For Law Banquet

6/7 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank

Board Meeting

6/9 Thursday **NO MEETING**

6/16 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food Alberto Duarte

6/23 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

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6/30 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

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