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Our annual Zone Respect for Law banquet was held last night at the Mayfair Church of Christ honoring local law enforcement officers. The affair was attended by over 100 Optimists and their guests.

Each honoree's achievements were presented by a member of the sponsoring club and the honorees were presented with plaques acknowledging their achievements.

The honorees and the club recognizing them were:

Officer Dean Paulin, Huntsville Police Dept – South Huntsville Club
Officer Wesley Grigsby, Madison Police Dept – Madison Club
Officer Joseph Dean, Huntsville Police Dept – Huntsville Noon Club
Deputy Chris Martin, Madison County Sheriff's Dept – The Huntsville Club
Lt. Jeff Patterson, Arab Police Dept – Arab Club
Team of School Resource Officers, Madison Police Dept – Evening Club

Distinguished guests recognized included our own, past Governors Tom Casteel and Zack Thompson.

The National Anthem and dinner music was provided by singer Calvin Drake.

Our keynote speaker was attorney Mike Fees, Esq., who represents and defends local police officers who are sued. He gave us a lot of insight into how many of the law suits are frivolous, but very expensive and time consuming for the officers involved and devastating to the family when they lose. He urged us to recognize the efforts of those who protect us, and show them the respect they deserve. He said there are a few good attorneys and a lot of bad ones while there are a lot of good law officers and a few bad ones. I think I saw Fabiani flinch a few times. Mr. Fees congratulated the Optimist Clubs for holding this annual banquet.

The wonderful food was once again prepared by Kent Gibbs and his wife. If anyone went away hungry it was their own fault.

Lt. Governor Charles McCubbins did an outstanding job conducting the meeting and Tom Casteel took a zillion pictures (thanks Tom).

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Hope those who missed it can attend next year. All in all it was a great evening, although we missed Jesse Lang and his wife. Jesse was hospitalized, but he tells me he is on the road to recovery and feeling better. We hope to see him soon. No meeting Thursday. See you at the business meeting on Thursday the 16th.

Al Renz
Cub Reporter

Optimistic Quote of The Week

"A stumbling block to the pessimist is a stepping stone to the optimist."

Eleanor Roosevelt

CALENDAR

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

TBA

6/29 Wednesday 11:00 am Brahan Spring Playground

Ribbon Cutting and BBQ

6/30 Thursday **NO MEETING**

7/11 Monday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank

Board Meeting