

# Opti - Topics

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Pres. Jim Roe was back from his Colorado trip today and he called on Chaplain Sidney Sandridge for the luncheon invocation. After we pledged allegiance to our flag, we enjoyed another good Downtown Holiday Inn meal.



There being no guests, program chairman Jim Pepper introduced our speaker, Connie Carnes, CEO of HEALS Clinic. Connie explained that HEALS is to those up to 18 years of age what the Community Free Clinic is to those older and living below the poverty level. Via our community service program we traditionally support both. Under HEALS there are currently four medical clinics and one dental clinic in operation. Connie thanked us for being a major sponsor of one of the medical clinics where Dr. Cartwright, a pediatrician, makes weekly visits. A nurse practitioner and a social worker are both there regularly each day. HEALS is ever on the look out to identify children in at-risk situations. They have found asthma and diabetes to be two of the more likely ailments. Over 1100 children were treated for these and various other sicknesses during the past year. Their income is from Medicaid, grants, and fund-raising efforts. Without HEALS it's hard to imagine how those in poverty survive. There is a definite need for more clinics.

Alberto reminded members of the September 24<sup>th</sup> pancake breakfast, and he passed around a sign-up sheet for workers. He mentioned again that Fabiani will be talking to Middle School Principals at a November meeting. Also, at next week's business meeting he's hoping the club will authorize the usual purchases connected with new JOOI Clubs (banners etc.).

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On the 22<sup>nd</sup> we'll have a treat. Ron Little will be playing guitar and singing. You won't want to miss this one – a good opportunity to bring a guest who could observe the fellowship we all enjoy. On the 29<sup>th</sup> we'll meet at 6:30 pm in our usual meeting room at the DHI to install Pres. Jim Pepper and others as our new leaders. Time flies when you're having fun. Again, Jim mentioned that Logan is not doing as well as hoped, and that the basket was available for contributions. Hopefully, we'll be able to cheer him at Christmas with a gift he will like.

Jesse Lang won the money today.



## Optimistic Quote of The Week

**"Lead your life so you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip. "**

*Will Rogers*

## CALENDAR

- |      |                        |                                                     |
|------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 9/13 | Tuesday 4:00 pm        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Commercial Bank                     |
|      |                        | <b>Board Meeting</b>                                |
| 9/15 | Thursday 11:45         | Optimist Recreation Center                          |
|      |                        | <b>Business Meeting - Food - Al Renz</b>            |
| 9/22 | Thursday 11:45 am      | Downtown Holiday Inn                                |
|      |                        | <b>Ron Little - Guitar &amp; Song</b>               |
| 9/24 | Saturday 7:30 to 11:30 | Cooper House<br>Central Presbyterian                |
|      |                        | <b>Pancake Breakfast for Hawthorne Conservatory</b> |
| 9-29 | Thursday 6:30 pm       | Downtown Holiday Inn                                |
|      |                        | <b>Installation of Officers</b>                     |