



# Opti - Topics

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Pres. Jim Pepper presided over today's luncheon meeting of the Huntsville Optimist Club. Jim Berry offered the opening prayer and led us in the pledge of allegiance. There was no mention of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment today. We had a good crowd, however, but no guests. Bill Clarke, who for many years has done volunteer teaching, appealed to members to join him in this practice, in order to help some young people qualify for Calhoun Community College. He zeroed in on Thursday mornings prior to our club meetings. Classes are held at the library, a short distance from the Downtown Holiday Inn. See Bill if you're interested in learning more and make an important personal contribution to our community – or simply show up at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning.

Alberto reported that more than \$2,000 was raised for the Hawthorne Conservatory from the recent pancake breakfast. He then invited all members to meet with the Randolph JOOI Club (the ROC) on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Cake will be served.

Jesse Lang has flyers to advertise Tri-Star basketball. See Jesse for a supply of flyers to post in appropriate places. Fabiani has joined a youth services organization to address the unique problems faced by low-income schools. Pres. Jim urged that those agreeing to lead the Essay and Oratorical Contest to start contacting schools.

Jim Berry introduced today's speaker, Dr. Don Huber, founder of Huntsville's Community Free Clinic. Before matriculating to Huntsville Don studied at Duke, where he was an ardent Blue Devil basketball fan, and at Tulane. One division of the clinic that he is



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especially proud of is the pharmacy, where low-cost generic medications allow them to meet the needs of a maximum number of patients.

Dr. Huber said that the Community Free Clinic is dedicated to providing excellent free medical care to those in our community without access to healthcare benefits. Many local physicians donate their time to see patients who have no health insurance and who cannot otherwise afford to be seen by a doctor.

Their new spacious site was made possible by a generous donation local family who wishes to remain anonymous. The clinic provides health and lab services as well as a dispensary where prescriptions are filled. The clinic provides primarily generic prescriptions but some name brands are provided by the manufacturers.

The staff at the Clinic sees patients who do not have access to medical benefits through their employment or any social services program. This includes: those who experience financial hardship; those temporarily receiving unemployment benefits but enrolled in training programs; those employed in seasonal or part-time work who are in the process or applying for, but have not yet received benefits; and residents of the Downtown Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, HOPE Place and other shelters.

Matt Hancock won the money today for the 2nd week.



## Optimistic Quote of The Week

**Between the optimist and the pessimist,  
the difference is droll.**

**The optimist sees the doughnut;  
the pessimist, the hole!**

*~ Oscar Wilde*

## CALENDAR

10/20 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food - TBA**

10/27 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**Dr. George McDonough - Center For Aging  
Old NASA Stories**



The theme for the 2011-2012 Essay Contest is:

**“How My Positive Outlook Benefits My Community.”**



The theme for the 2011-2012 Oratorical Contest is:

**“How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles.”**