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We had a good turnout for our first meeting of 2012. Apparently there's been some New Year's resolving going on. Calvin Havens was introduced by Jack Fauble as his guest and potential new member of the Harvest mafia. Kyle Davis was Sidney Sandridge's guest. Pres. Jim Pepper asked Chaplain Sandridge to offer the opening prayer and to lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

Essay Contest chairman Jack Fauble was optimistic we'd exceed last year's 18 entrants. He has contacted these 18 and asked them to resubmit – plus he sees our JOOI Club members as fertile soil for many more essays. Early February has been marked as the deadline for submissions. Fabiani, too, sees JOOI Club members as a good source for our Oratorical Contest. He's thinking of holding the event at Cooper House, Saturday, March 10. More on these competitions, including the subject for each will be reported next time.

Fabiani has been meeting with Huntsville's Superintendent of Schools from the points of view of spreading Optimism through the creation of more JOOI Clubs, and getting returning Veterans to serve as student mentors. He said the Superintendent is enthusiastic of pursuing both. Fabiani will be speaking to 8 Middle School principals on the 10th of January.

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Huntsville Housing Authority. He gave a very up-beat talk describing his experiences with today's youth. He emphasized having fun learning and learning to have fun – as he put it. School should be something to enjoy and something to look forward to each day as our next generation prepares to lead.

This message fits well with a lecture I recently heard on C-SPAN. Richard Dreyfuss is optimistic about our future if new emphasis is given to Civics in schools. With distribution of I-Pads and Lap-Tops now ongoing, he foresees a new interest in learning. The speaker today referred to our Creed occasionally to support his remarks, and he congratulated us for our Junior Optimist work.

Bob Martin was the winner today. It pays to attend.



Optimistic Quote of the Week

**“Another fresh new year is here . . .
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give! “**

~ William Arthur Ward

CALENDAR

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|------|-------------------|---|
| 1/12 | Thursday 11:45 am | Downtown Holiday Inn
TBA Fabiani Duarte |
| 1/19 | Thursday 11:45 | Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food – (Fabiani Duarte) |
| 1/26 | Thursday 11:45 am | Downtown Holiday Inn
TBA Fabiani Duarte |

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Tuesday 4:00 pm

1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting

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