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A beautiful warm day brought out 20 Optimists. President Jim Pepper welcomed everyone then asked Dr. Sidney Sandridge to open the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

After a delicious lunch Jim asked Fabiani to introduce his two guests; retired Army Lt. Colonel Mike Moranand and the lovely Megan McFerran, Marketing Director for Nexus Energy Center. Fabiani also reported on the installation of the Morris Elementary School JOOI club officers last Thursday. Two more JOOI clubs are to be started very soon.

Byrom Goodwin introduced the speakers for today's luncheon. From the Boys and Girls Club of North Alabama: Brooks Wilborn, Pat Wynn, Tim Worley, and Gary Saliba.

Pat told us that Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow - all while having fun. It is the place where great futures are started each and every day. Children lose reading level during the summer so the Boys and Girls Club started the Summer Reading Academy. The program consists of students who are entering kindergarten through third grade. It employs five certified teachers. The goals of the program included but were not limited to increasing reading skills in the areas of letter identification, phonemic awareness, fluency, and comprehension.

Our main speaker was Tim Worley an University of Georgia All-American and 1989 Pittsburgh Steelers 1st-Round NFL Draft Pick. Tim said that he was raised in a Christian home. He was a high school and college super star football player and an instant millionaire when drafted by the NFL. He told us how he was full of himself and did things that were not right. As the Bible says " Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."



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Today he has been led by the Lord to pursue motivational speaking, leadership consulting and mentoring disadvantaged youth. He joined the Boys and Girls club organization in January of this year.

Our members thought that this was one of the best programs the club has had recently.

Carl Winkler led the club in closing the meeting with the Optimist Creed.

Jack Fauble won the door prize on the first draw.

Optimistic Quote of the Week

" All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

~Walt Disney

CALENDAR

2/28 Tuesday 3:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank

Foundation Board Meeting

3/1 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

"The Widow's Mite" Program - Sanders Clayton

3/6 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank

Club Board Meeting

3/8 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

Dr. Sidney Sandridge - Country Preacher

3/15 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food - (Jim Berry)

3/22 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

George McDonough - Center for Aging

3/29 **5TH THURSDAY - NO MEETING**