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## Bulletin of the Optimist Club of Huntsville

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### OFFICERS 2009 - 2010

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| Tom Casteel '10   | Buddy Beck '11   |
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Sidney opened today's business meeting with a prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Then we enjoyed two pasta dishes, salad, bread sticks and cake arranged by the Peppers. After a series of short stories and jokes by Berry, Plank and others; Pres. Bob gave a report of the recent Zone Meeting he had attended. Bob said our club stands head and shoulders above most other clubs in the Zone and even in the District, due, mainly, to our 3 JOOI Clubs with a combined membership in excess of 150. Tom Casteel said this is reflected in our District newsletter that can now be viewed on our web site: <http://www.huntsville.al-la-ms.org>, and clicking onto Action News. Once you've logged on, your USER NAME is **member** and the PASSWORD is **children**. Try it out and see what Webmaster Tom has provided for us.

Al Renz invites any who can to join him at Sparkman High School on December 1 at 3:05pm for the JOOI Club installation of officers. Please note the Board Meeting has shifted to December 8.

Our District currently ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in supporting OI scholarships via the dime-a-day program, and our club leads the District. See Tom Casteel with \$36.50 to join the growing throng of supporters. Sec/Treas Renz reported on the club's financial condition. The audit is essentially complete – just a few

loose ends that will be resolved by month's end. Al mentioned that our projected postage cost will be cut in half as several members have agreed to receive the newsletter by e-mail. In order to balance our budget we're anticipating a net gain of 12 in membership for 2009/2010 (one new member a month – piece of cake). In addition, we'll need a small \$300 fundraiser, but, hey, we're Optimists.

Pres. Bob introduced us to a timely new program that is being promoted by OI. Many of us who have kids or grand kids just starting to use various features of the Internet are somewhat aware of the perilous dangers they are becoming exposed to. With all the technical advances comes, potential dangers, but, also, opportunities. Pres. Bob is already working with an elementary school in this regard, and he'd welcome others to get active in going into the lower grade classes to alert the kids to the possible consequences for anything you say or do on-line. OI has developed the material. Members are needed to influence kids to always strive to do their very best through wise choices.

Violet Edwards from Christmas Charities will be our next luncheon speaker. She, too, will be looking for volunteers to give a few hours of well-needed assistance to her as she gets ready to serve the less fortunate kids.

### CALENDAR

**11/26      Thanksgiving – no meeting**

12/03      Thurs.11:45      DHI

**12/10      Thurs. 6:00pm DHI**

12/17      Thurs.11:45      ORC

Christmas Charities, Violet Edwards

**Christmas Party (guests \$15)**

Business Meeting

