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Bulletin of the Optimist Club of Huntsville

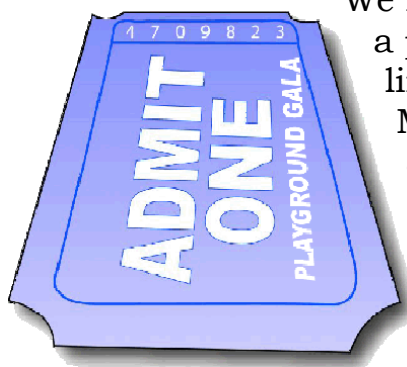
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We had over 20 at today's luncheon. Chaplain Sandridge gave a prayer of thanks and led the pledge of allegiance. The buffet line was employed, rather than the chef's choice. Pres. Bob Martin recognized our guests: Sidney had a visiting minister, Jeff Story; Al had his wife Marlene; and Ralph had his wife Elizabeth. Al Renz reviewed the status of playground fund raising activities. Saturday, February 6 has been designated "An Evening of Valentine Delights," starting at 6:00 pm at the Huntsville JayCees Building. This will feature the sampling of specialty foods prepared by about 16 vendors, live and silent auctions, and cookies baked and decorated by local celebrities. Buck Rogers, general manager of the Huntsville Stars has a large supply of baseball memorabilia that will go to the highest bidders.

Al has tickets for this important event and asks that you bring your checkbook to the business meeting on the 21st. Al and Connie, Greg Patterson, Linda Presley and several Kiwanians have worked long and hard to ensure the success of this project. Also, Al has informed the Kiwanis Clubs that the Optimists will out perform them in fund raising. Let's support Al and this project by buying tickets for ourselves and by selling tickets to others. Tickets are \$25 each or 2 for \$40. A booth will be set up at the Huntsville – Grissom basketball game at Huntsville High, Friday, January 22. Al asked for volunteers to help man the booth between 3 and 9

pm, and several hands went up. **All proceeds are earmarked for the playground.** Huntsville has gotten much coverage lately as one of the premier places to reside in. Good-paying employment is flourishing. Growth is erupting. A new playground accommodating handicapped children as well as returning wounded war veterans promises to be a real asset in promoting our city.

Patti introduced our speaker, attorney S. Travis Bartee, who expounded on little-known nor understood estate-planning strategies, as laws continue to evolve over time. He alerted us on pitfalls to avoid, depending on estate size and content. He recommends regular review every few years with professional planners to keep up with changes. A plethora of questions followed his prepared remarks, and he handled all with confidence and without hesitation. We enjoyed hearing from an expert today. He covered a lot of ground, but thankfully he distributed concise summaries of his presentation for future reference. Programs like this are invaluable benefits to service club membership.

Jeff Klimek's name was drawn for the attendance prize and he wasn't present so the pot grows.

CALENDAR

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| 01/21 | Thurs.11:45 | ORC | Business Meeting (Quizno Box Lunches) |
| 01/28 | Thurs.11:45 | DHI | Kevin Ready, Hunts. Hosp. Wellness Center |
| 02/02 | Tues. 4:00pm | 1 st Comm. Bank | Board Meeting |
| 02/04 | Thurs.11:45 | DHI | Dr. Randall Sandlin, Sleep Apnea |
| 02/06 | Sat. 6:00pm | JayCees Bldg. | Playground Fund Raiser |
| 02/11 | Thurs.11:45 | DHI | Buck Rogers, Stars General Manager |
| 02/18 | Thurs.11:45 | ORC | Business Meeting (Food by Renz & Co.) |
| 02/25 | Thurs.11:45 | DHI | Terry Wingo, Pharmacist |

