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## Bulletin of the Optimist Club of Huntsville

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It was good to have several guests today. A return of growing fellowship seems to be emerging in our meetings. Patti had attorney Leslie Sharpe as her guest; Jim Berry had his son-in-law, Doug Bennett; Al's wife Marlene was his guest; and Zack said he would be glad to sponsor them all into membership. Jim Roe did better – he introduced new member, Jack Fauble, who moved here from Montana 5 years ago. He's a retired salesman and said he enjoys being away from 9 months of winter each year. He's currently growing hay in Harvest and will become active in the mafia. Pres. Bob's guest was District Governor Jim Miner. It's always a pleasure to have a visit from the top. Rev. Jim gave our prayer today. Then we pledged allegiance, and ate a tasty meal.

Clyde reminded us that plans are crystallizing for YAW (Youth Appreciation Week), which will be celebrated Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a banquet at the Mayfair Church of Christ in Jones Valley. There will be no luncheon meeting that day. Duane has an outstanding motivational speaker in mind and is finalizing arrangements. Clementine's will be the caterer, so a good meal is anticipated.



Pres. Bob introduced Mayor Tommy Battle who is obviously very proud of our city and surrounding communities. He came to Huntsville in 1980 as a young employee of Britling's Cafeteria, following his education at UA – Tuscaloosa. Shortly after this (1984) he was elected to the City Council, and a few years ago became Mayor. He gave us an optimistic report on the status of all facets of city government, including national and international recognition. The points he brought out are certainly impressive, and the enthusiasm he exudes can't help but be contagious. Indeed our future promises exciting times, along with many challenges as we look forward to accommodating 2 more phases of BRAC over the next decade. After we recited the Optimist Creed Mayor Battle asked me where he might read it. I pointed out to him that it was included in the papers he was given, but it occurred to me that a large-print copy would make an attractive addition to his office wall. Duane was not present to claim the prize, so the money carries over.

#### CALENDAR

04/01	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Betsy Ross – colonial times
04/06	Tues. 4:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Comm. Bank	Board Meeting
04/08	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Young & Restless
			Bluegrass Music
04/15	Thurs.11:45	ORC	Business Meeting
04/22	Thurs. 6:00pm	Mayfair Church	YAW
04/29	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Global Warming

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