

# Opti - Topics

Bulletin of the Optimist Club of Huntsville

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Pres. Jim Roe was in command of our monthly business meeting at the Optimist Recreation Center today. He called on Duane Plank for our devotional and pledge of allegiance. After enjoying a feast of pizza and hearing several jokes

exchanged across the room, Jim, gavel in hand, slammed the bell at 12:15 to start business.

He announced there will be no meetings on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, and that George Kost will be program chairman for January. George was not present today so plan to re-assemble at the Downtown Holiday Inn on January 6 learn who George has arranged to be our speaker. There will be no newsletters during the holidays. Also, bring along your resolutions of re-dedicated club support in the 2011.

Al Renz reported that Gay Pepper was admitted to the hospital after fainting, but was expected to be released soon. Fabiani will select a card and send it to her from the club. Pres. Jim read a letter from Optimist International's Past President with a patch attached to sew onto our banner for our achievement last year under Bob Martin's dedicated leadership. Al Renz presented the financial report, noting that about 4K\$, duly requested from the Huntsville Optimist Foundation for community service, has not been responded to. He added, too, that no response has been forthcoming from the HOF concerning George Kost's proposal that the club asked them to consider.

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Jesse Lang reported that Tri-Star basketball was again a success. He thanked those members who helped him conduct this event. He noted that participation by the kids has increased each year. Al Renz reminded us that a major fundraising is planned at the JayCee Building February 12 with a Valentine's day atmosphere (same as last year). He asked members to help by collecting door prizes, e.g., free meals at restaurants you frequent. Jack Fauble said he's expecting many entries to our Essay Contest. Key dates are: essays to the judges by February 3 and submission to the District by February 15.

Jesse Lang is heading our Oratorical Contest this time. He, too, is expecting many participants, resulting from his many personal contacts with school officials. Fabiani has agreed to obtain judges. You may recall that the Oratorical Contest has special meaning to him. Remember, the prizes have been increased this year for both contests: \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also, the age requirement for the Oratorical Contest has been extended 3 years through age 18. The District Oratorical Contest winner will be awarded a \$2500 scholarship.

Season's Greetings to all, and may the SEC bowl well.



## CALENDAR

- 12/23 Thursday  
**NO MEETING - MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- 12/30 Thursday  
**NO MEETING - HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 1/6 Thurs. 11:45 Downtown Holiday Inn  
**TBA - George Kost**
- 1/11 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Commercial Bank  
**Board Meeting**