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Today we kicked off Pres. Jim Pepper's term in office, however, Tom Casteel presided. We had a good attendance. Tom called on Rev. Jim Berry for the invocation and pledge. I understand Clyde is working with the printer to get our club brochure updated. Tom announced that he has joined the retirement set, but still plans to remain active in Optimist activities which in his case are legion. Tom wore a blue Optimist T-Shirt and said our Board recommends that we each order one for identification at special events such as our recent pancake breakfast.

Alberto thanked those who helped him organize and carry out the successful event. Proceeds go to the Hawthorne Conservatory and should amount to close to \$2,000 when all ticket sales are counted.

Jim Roe introduced his guest, Jim Scates, a Boeing retiree. Fabiani's guest was Emily (I didn't catch her last name). They have a common interest in ballroom dancing, and we know from his Vandy days that Fabiani knows all the right moves.

Fabiani gave an Optimistic report on his meeting with Whitesburg Middle School to form a Junior Optimist Club. He added that the next school he is eyeing is Huntsville Middle School.

Jerry Shoemaker, who resides at Gulf Shores, was here today, and it was good to exchange memories of former times with him. Peter Sahti, too, showed up today after an extended absence. No doubt he has been traveling to some foreign land, adding to the impressive number of countries he has visited.

Past Pres. Jim Roe handed out several personalized certificates of appreciation to those supporting him last year,

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but were not able to attend last week. They were very attractive with a gilded border, a listing of the recipient's contributions, and signed by Jim and Governor Tom Howell.

Jim Berry is program chairman for October and he introduced Telly Savalas Lanier from the NOVA organization. NOVA centers its emphasis on youth and family to assist young people to reach their highest potential. He was accompanied by two co-workers: Tineta Hilton and Yvette Sparks. Today, Telly concentrated on substance abuse and prevention. He cited the easily obtainable FourLoco, a 12% alcohol drink, and GHB (Xyrem) a central nervous system depressant as current problems. NOVA seems to be able to penetrate to the nub of substance abuse and is prepared to effectively move things in a new direction. Our community is grateful for their efforts.

Matt Hancock won the money today.



Optimistic Quote of The Week

"An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have. The older she gets the more interested he is in her."

Agatha Christie

CALENDAR

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| 10/13 | Thursday 11:45 am | Downtown Holiday Inn |
| | | Dr. John Huber - Community Free Clinic |
| 10/20 | Thursday 11:45 | Optimist Recreation Center |
| | | Business Meeting - Food - TBA |
| 10/27 | Thursday 11:45 am | Downtown Holiday Inn |
| | | Dr. George McDonough - Center For Aging |
| | | Old NASA Stories |