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Today, Pres. Jim Pepper called on Chaplain Sidney Sandridge for our invocation and to lead us in the pledge of allegiance. We were glad to have Marlene Renz with us as a guest. Another guest was Patricia Cotsey. Jim reported that Clyde was recuperating from shoulder surgery and that Logan McElyea was currently in Huntsville Hospital's ICU and not doing well. Jim reminded us that the ongoing collection bucket for Logan's Christmas gift was available for anyone caring to contribute. Jesse Lang said the Tri-Star basketball event enjoyed a good turnout, and he thanked those members who helped.



Our scheduled speaker from the Still Serving Veterans organization was unable

to attend today, but Fabiani pinch hit very effectively. It turns out he is a new member of that organization, and is serving as Community Outreach and Special Events Coordinator. Fabiani revealed that he still plans to matriculate to law school, probably at Tulane or Pepperdine, but both schools have agreed to his delaying the start for a year. He and Alberto have an extensive home improvement project underway. This was good news for the Optimist Club since Fabiani is the driving force behind Optimist growth in our area.

For the next year he will be an active member of AmeriCorp and is assigned to Huntsville. He is implementing a bold plan to meld a military awareness of returning veterans with spreading Optimism. This has been well received by the military community, and they have promised any needed manpower. Returning veterans will be assisted in seeking well-paying jobs, purchasing homes, and be guided to

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learn their full VA rights and benefits.. Fabiani is playing a major role in the Friday (Veterans Day) parade, where the connection between Optimist growth and support of veterans will be evident.

Not only will the Junior Optimist members be one day a source for Optimist Club membership, but their parents and military personnel will also be attracted to growing Optimism. It was encouraging to learn that Fabiani envisions a future where he'll be advancing through Optimist International leadership opportunities. He ended his presentation with a short patriotic video.

Patricia Cotsey is a colleague of Fabiani and she spoke briefly. She maintains the Still Serving Veterans website. Also, Fabiani is actively promoting the SSV fundraiser in the form of an Irish Christmas event. Patricia drew John Shirey's name for today's attendance prize.



Optimistic Quote of the Week

"I'm proud to be an American, Where at least I know I'm free. I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.

*Lee Greenwood
(From the song "Proud to be an American")*

CALENDAR

11/17 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food – (Jim & Gay Pepper)

11/24 Thursday **NO MEETING**

Thanksgiving