



# Opti - Topics

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Pres. Jim Pepper presided over today's business meeting at the ORC. Chaplain Sidney Sandridge asked that Divine blessings continue on our organization and its individual members and their families.

Alberto noted that several JOOI Clubs participated in the Veterans Day parade. I watched on TV and heard the Optimist Club mentioned many times. Pres. Jim asked that we give a round of applause for Fabiani and his good work in making this all happen.

Jim announced that our Christmas Party committee recommended that the event take place on Dec. 16th, at the Cooper House where our recent pancake breakfast was held. In addition to offering the facility for this party Hawthorne Conservatory's Director Mary Flynn added graciously that the Cooper House was available to us for fund raising use by our club.

Bob Martin is program chairman for December and he's working on speakers for Dec. 1 and Dec. 8.

Our next order of business was to elect a Huntsville Optimist Foundation Board member to a 3-year term, starting Jan. 1, 2012. Nominees were Zack and Clyde. Before proceeding with the election Clyde withdrew his name, whereupon Duane nominated Tom Casteel, Alberto seconded, and the motion passed. A secret paper ballot resulted in Tom being elected. Following the election Clyde expressed his concern that Tom is on the fast track to become the club's next president, and he wondered if it was wise to have a seated president on the HOF Board. The general feeling of the club was to deal with any appearance of a conflict of interest, later.



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Next, Al Renz explained the Oct. financial report, and followed this with leading a discussion of fundraising possibilities recently considered by our board. Wintzell's Oyster House will give us \$10-off coupons that we could sell. Rocket City Bar-B-Q has a Boston Butts deal, and Logan's Roadhouse offers celebrity table waiting.

Tom Casteel recently made an analysis of the club's financial status and concluded that although our \$110 per quarter dues barely meets expenses (and would have to be increased if everyone attended regularly), it is a formidable roadblock in recruiting new members. He brought up the deal of charging reserved members \$30 per quarter with the stipulation that they pay for meals when they attend. Currently to qualify as a reserved member 10 years of membership is required. Tom and others would like to push for a similar deal in recruiting parents of JOOI Club members. He moved that our by-laws be amended to allow for this. Alberto seconded and it passed. Hopefully, these ideas will be thought about and be aired again at the Dec. business meeting and some conclusions drawn.



## Optimistic Quote of the Week

**" An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day. "**

*~Irv Kupcinet*

## CALENDAR

11/24	Thursday	<b>NO MEETING</b>
		<b>Thanksgiving</b>
12/1	Thursday 11:45 am	Downtown Holiday Inn
	<b>TBA - Bob Martin</b>	
12/6	Tuesday 4:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Commercial Bank
	<b>Board Meeting</b>	
12/8	Thursday 11:45 am	Downtown Holiday Inn
	<b>TBA - Bob Martin</b>	