



# Opti - Topics

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## Opening

At President Jim Pepper's request, Sidney Sandridge started the meeting off with thanks to our Lord for our many blessings and a request to bless the food about to be served. This was followed by Pledging of Allegiance by 19 members and two guests. The dessert today was double chocolate cake and that took a lot of blessing.

## Announcements

President Jim reported that the officer installation at Hazel Green JOOI Club took place yesterday with all officers present. He and Jack Fauble handled the installation.

Jesse Lang reported that our newest JOOI Club from Morris Elementary School had participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and made a good showing with the banners they had prepared.

Jack Fauble reminded us that there is an opportunity to support a local youth golfer in Optimist International's Jr. Golf Tournament, starting with the District Tournament in June. To my knowledge we have never supported this event and it would be an opportunity to do something new for the youth of our area.

## Program

Jim Berry then introduced George McDonough, who of course needs no introduction. George made some remarks (some humorous) in honor of Wernher von Braun's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. George recalled incidents that typified von Braun's humanity and affection for his co-workers.

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Jim Berry then introduced a father and son duo whom he had obtained at the last minute. James and Taylor Creel played and sang many songs for us and received a lot of applause for their performance.

### Closing

President Jim reminded us that there would not be a meeting on March 29 in accordance with our new policy of not meeting on the 4 fifth Thursdays of the year.

Tom Casteel won the attendance prize on the third drawing and we followed with an enthusiastic rendering of our Creed.

*Al Renz*

### Optimistic Quote of the Week

**"I have learned to use the word "impossible" with the greatest caution."**

*Wernher von Braun*

## CALENDAR

- 3/29 **5TH THURSDAY - NO MEETING**
- 4/3 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank  
**Board Meeting**
- 4/5 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**Amber Snider - Alabama Mentor**
- 4/12 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**Cristina Lynn/ Russ Holder  
Country Singers/Songwriters**
- 4/19 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food - (Al Renz)**
- 4/26 Thursday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ  
**Youth Appreciation Banquet**