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President Mark Osman presiding, Invocation by Chaplain Bruno Schmidt, Pledge led by **Mike Guajardo** (I think), *Hail to Optimism* led by **Gerry Kern**. We had guests at the meeting: **Sonny Rhodes** introduced **Bob Joyce**, a friend and fellow golf pro, who also bought a tree from us; and **Frank Powell** had **John Beal** and **Darrel Burdette** with him. It was good to have **Clark Lyman** back with us again, as well! We've had some sad news. ☹️ Longtime member **Cecil Middleton** died Thursday night. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. The Tree Lot is off to a good start, according to **Garrett Cooper**. We're doing ok on the schedule... This year the trees look great; we have wreaths and garland and are all ready to go! Now, if the weather would just cool down a bit! Remember, if you cannot work your shift, please try to find your own replacement, or call the lot for phone numbers of workers to hire to replace you. Don't let your buddies go short-handed!

Wednesday was our Young Texan-Texanne meeting, with kids from Anderson High, the IB Program school. Our kids were pretty international, too! We honored **Cynthia Trendafilova**, accompanied by her dad, **Simeon**, and **Kapil Saxena**, whose parents **Inder** and **Pratbha** were with us, too, along with counselor **Roz Stephenson**.

Cynthia is number one in the class and **Kapil** is second. Both speak a couple of languages, and plan on going to medical school in the north east after attending UT. **Cynthia** is excited about the possibility of colder weather; **Kapil** is not. Kapil, who has won awards for his public speaking, thanked us

for the honor and said "I hope that because of you, I can become something better." **Roz Stephenson** said that she felt fortunate to be at Anderson, a school with "Wonderful parents and kids."

Bruno Schmidt hit the daily double: he won both lunch and the kitty on Wednesday, taking home \$16.³⁰.

CALENDAR & EVENTS

December

- 7** **Pastor David Parker**, David Chapel Congregation, East Austin
- 14** **Tree Lot Meeting**
- 16** **Our last tree lot day** (Friday)
- 21** Law firm of **Burn, Anderson, Jury & Brenner** on their services and why you need them...
- 28** **No Meeting!**

Thanks to **Mike Guajardo** for nailing down all these wonderful programs!

Club meets noon Wednesday at IHOP, 1101 South MoPac, Austin, TX