



OPTI-TOPICS

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Pres. Bob Martin welcomed us to today's luncheon meeting of the Optimist Club. He asked Chaplain Sidney to give the invocation and the lead us in the pledge of allegiance. Our attendance was a little off on this 100 degree July day. Eighteen members enjoyed the hotel's fine fare, starting with a tempting fruit salad. A sheet was passed around to sign up for the Saturday, July 24 picnic at the Sandridge Farm, so that those planning the event could be prepared food wise. **Incidentally, there will be no regular Thursday luncheon on the 22nd.**



Pres. Bob said we had a good speaker today and he turned things over to July program chairman Alberto who introduced that speaker. While Alberto was giving us background information on the speaker's overall life, Pres. Bob was getting set up behind the banner, putting on his beekeeper's hat and other garb, and hooking up his microphone. He emerged as an authentic beekeeper in full regalia and whet our interest in one of the many hats he identifies with. According to our speaker, who manages more than six hives, bees play an exceedingly important role in the scheme of things. His computerized presentation described the art of caring for and manipulating colonies of honey bees so that they produce and store a quantity of honey over and above

their own requirements. This is one of the primary goals of beekeepers. Of more importance, however, is the pollination of crop plants in order to increase their production and quality. He explained the differences between varieties of bees, e.g., European, Asian, and African; and the roles played by female workers, male drones, and the mystery of one single larger queen bee ruling over each bee hive. The varied talents, knowledge, and interests among our folks seems endless; and adds greatly to the fellowship we enjoy each week at our meetings.

Sec/Treas Al Renz reminded us that our club commitment this year was one new member a month. So far we've added only two. Furthermore, Al recognized Jim Roe for sponsoring a new member and achieving PGI Level II. The key to advancing in personal growth and involvement is sponsoring new members. This starts with guests. The upcoming picnic is an excellent opportunity to invite friends and their families. Sheriff Dorning's chicken will bring them back – I guarantee! We drew for three bottles of honey today. The winners were Clyde, Buddy, and Matt. Yours truly took home the \$\$.

CALENDAR

07/06	Tues. 4:00pm	1 st Comm. Bank	Board Meeting
07/08	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	TBA by Alberto
07/15	Thurs. 11:45	ORC	Business Meeting Food/Alberto
07/24	Thurs	NO MEETING	
07/24	Sat. TBA	Sandridge Farm	Club Picnic Sheriff's Chicken
07/29	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	Lisa Sparks School Foundation Board

