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Pres. Bob Martin asked Sidney for the invocation prior to today's luncheon. He opted to lead us, instead, in the singing of the Doxology (known also as the old 100th). After we pledged allegiance to the flag, Bob noted that since our attendance was over the guaranteed 20 eaters, it was necessary for 4 to order from the menu.

Our guests included Jim Huie, a long-time friend of Jim Berry; Fabiani, a long-time friend of Alberto; and Peter Sathi, who announced that he has filled out a membership application (Zack being the sponsor). Also, Peter will be our luncheon speaker on the 26th of August, telling us about his book, and the 85 countries his travels have taken him to. As reported last week, following a military career as an officer in the Indian Army, Peter chose the US as the best place to spend his retirement, becoming an American citizen many years ago. We are eager to hear what he will say on the 26th.

Tom Casteel announced that the Band committee will meet at the Optimist Recreation Center's Kitchen on Saturday at 9:00 am to clean and sanitize clarinets and to tag our instruments. Everyone is welcome.



Zack introduced today's speaker, Roger Vaughn, a member of the Birmingham club, one of the pioneer clubs of our District, and the sponsor of our club back in 1947. As Zack noted, Roger has held many high offices in Optimist International, and he expects him to one day be International President. Today he talked to us about the OI Foundation, how they raise their money, and how they have been able to significantly raise the dollar level of Oratorical, Essay and other

District funded scholarships over the years. Roger identified Tom Casteel as the District's representative to the OIF, and Tom added that his Dime-A-Day program is part of this (our club being the District's foremost participant). Tom will be soliciting renewals and new participants soon. One new wrinkle Roger's club has taken on is to fund one complete District Scholarship (\$2,500 each year) for one of the scholarship disciplines, and have its club name identified at the time of the award. He proposed we might consider doing the same. This might get us around our current inability to award scholarships as specified by our Huntsville Optimist Foundation charter. Also, Roger is asking members to think about possibly including a generous portion of your will designated for the OIF.

Zack says don't miss the Grand Ole Opry singing on August 12. He describes the group as two old men and a beautiful woman. Bring a guest. The 1st name drawn today was Jim Pepper, but he wasn't in attendance, so my name was next. I'm beginning to like this lottery.

CALENDAR

08/12	Thurs. 11:45	DHI	Grand Ole Opry Performance
08/19	Thurs. 11:45	ORC	Business Meeting
08/26	Thurs, 11:45	DHI	Peter Sathi World Traveler

