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Rev. Jim Berry gave our invocation today. It was in two parts. First, he read an inspired poem on religious tolerance written by a local school teacher, following 9/11; and then Jim read the words of gratitude penned by our own Chaplain Sidney Sandridge (I believe he said). We gave an enthusiastic Amen to both. We had a number of visitors today. Jim Roe's guest was Nancy Vaughn, who recently became affiliated with our club by joining the new category entitled, "Friends of Optimism." Jack Fauble introduced his wife Patti. Zack introduced his multi-millionaire colleague, Charlie Ross. They shared a room during graduate study at the University of Tennessee. Marlene was Al's guest. Also, it was good to have Joe Pullen in attendance. Pres. Bob circulated a sign-up sheet for September 30, Installation Night at the Downtown Holiday Inn. Pres. Bob called Zack forward and read a letter from Optimist International, congratulating Zack on sponsoring a new member, Peter Sathi. Bob said he wouldn't mind reading several more such congratulatory letters.



Jim Pepper provided background information on today's speaker, the charming Lee Marshall former Channel 48 News Anchor. Lee went on to tell us her inspired story of establishing the Foster Children Foundation's, "Kids to Love." She spoke from personal experience, being, herself, an adopted child. She expressed her gratitude for the loving environment she grew up in, and all the advantages she enjoyed. Many children are less fortunate, and she is dedicated to doing all she can to meet the needs of Foster kids. There are currently more than 500 Foster Children in Madison County, One thing her organization is determined to do is to equip each one with back packs stuffed with the supplies they need to succeed in school. She appealed for our club to assist her by volunteering to help her achieve this worthy goal. This seems to be very much in keeping with our motto, "Friend of Youth." Lee said that some Foster Children result from the death of their parents, but more tragic is court-ordered removal from drug-addicted parents, and sexually and physically abusive parents.

The drawing today had Byrom winning the prize.

CALENDAR

09/16	Thurs.11:45	ORC	Business Meeting (Food – Roe)
09/23	Thurs.11:45	DHI	Gene Pospicil – Stock Broker
09/30	Thurs. 6:30pm	DHI	Installation of Officers & Board

