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Prior to today's invocation, Rev. Jim Berry announced that Jesse Lang was celebrating his 77th birthday. We gave Jesse a rousing cheer and rendered the traditional musical rendition. After the prayer Jim led us in the pledge of allegiance. Then, we went to the dining room to go through the buffet line that the hotel has reinstated. We had gotten used to being served the chef's choice fare, but some members prefer the choices that the buffet offers in both quality and quantity. Jim Berry's guest was his wife Melba, whom Zack offered to sponsor into membership.

Pres. Jim Roe then called on Tom Casteel to introduce today's luncheon speaker. Will Shafferman explained in detail the CollegeCounts 529 Fund set up to make it easy for friends and family to help fund education for a loved one. The fund features many attractive and flexible tax advantages as I understand it. Portfolios of several highly respected mutual funds can be selected to build wealth. Investments grow tax-deferred, plus, when the time comes to use the funds for qualified educational expenses there is no tax in withdrawals.

Qualified expenses are quite liberal; including tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment. Expenses for room and board are considered qualified if the student is enrolled at least half-time. Funds can be used at accredited universities, colleges, trade schools and even graduate schools. Thanks, Tom, for bringing us another informative program that many of our members might wish to pursue as educational expenses mount.

Clyde won the attendance prize, so what's new about that?

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Optimistic Quote of The Week

" The head thinks, the hands labor, but it's the heart that laughs. "

Liz Curtis Higgs

CALENDAR

- 4/5 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting
- 4/7 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Country Western Singer - Cristina Lynn
- 4/14 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Austin Boyd - Choose Life
- 4/16 Saturday 1:00 pm Madison Public Library
130 Plaza Blvd
Madison, AL
Just off Hughes Road
Regional Oratorical Contest
- 4/21 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food Al Renz
- 4/26 Tuesday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ
Youth Appreciation Week Banquet
- 4/28 Thursday **NO MEETING**
- 5/2 Monday 6:30 pm Mayfair Church of Christ
Respect For Law Banquet
- 5/5 Thursday **NO MEETING**
- 5/9 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting
- 5/12 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
TBA - Jack Fauble