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Sidney Sandridge opened today's business meeting at the ORC with a prayer of gratitude. After pledging allegiance to our flag we dug into the food arranged for by Alberto – BBQ with all the fixin's.

Pres. Jim Roe asked me to read a note I had recently received from George Ferrell. As you know George was our publicity chairman over many years, and always found the Speakin' Out News most cooperative in covering the club's events. In their most recent issue they printed a letter from George expressing his and the club's appreciation to them. George says he misses our club meetings very much and hopes that one day he'll be in position to return. That'll be a happy day! I'm sure George would enjoy calls from any of us.

Al Renz went over our financial status, and everything seems to be in good order. Pres. Jim read a request from the District to support travel for the winner of the District Golf Tourney. We voted \$100 for this. Al passed around individual notes to each member reminding them of their PGI standing, and what they need to do to advance to the next Level.

Next, a discussion of our annual picnic originally scheduled for August 6 resulted in our agreeing to a new date of August 27 (after schools are back in session), and include invitations to all JOOI Club members. The picnic committee was charged with working out the details and to make a report at our July 21 business meeting. Be ready to support our picnic if called on. Meeting all these people might be vital to our club's long-term vision.

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AL Renz reminded us of the Wednesday, June 29, 11:00 am ribbon cutting for the official opening of the Kiwanis/Optimist/City of HSV special needs playground in Brahan Spring Park. The mayor and other dignitaries will be on hand and barbecue plates will be served. If you haven't told Al Renz that you plan to attend please give him a call. Currently he has 18 signed up, and this will be in lieu of our regular meeting on the 30th.

Alberto will be program chairman for July. The speaker for the 7th is still being worked. It might be our beloved Logan McElyea (currently a patient at St. Judes) and his mother.

On the 14th Mary Flynn will update us on the Hawthorne Conservatory activities. Hopefully, we'll have pancake breakfast tickets to distribute that day. The event itself is planned for Saturday, September 24 at Central Presbyterian's new facility.

Finally, Bill Clarke reported on the Huntsville Optimist Foundation, and how he is optimistic that our tax-exempt status will be retained.



Optimistic Quote of The Week

" There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

Albert Einstein

CALENDAR

- 6/23 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
TBA
- 6/29 Wednesday 11:00 am Brahan Spring Playground
Ribbon Cutting and BBQ
- 6/30 Thursday **NO MEETING**
- 7/7 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
TBA
- 7/11 Monday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting
- 7/14 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Mary Flynn - Hawthorne Conservatory
- 7/21 Thursday 11:45 am Optimist Recreation Center
Business Meeting - Food Alberto Duarte
- 7/28 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
TBA
- 8/27 Saturday TBA Place TBA
Picnic with JOOI Clubs
- 9/24 Saturday TBA Central Presbyterian
Pancake Breakfast for Hawthorne Conservatory