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Jim Roe opened our meeting with a welcome to everyone. He then asked our chaplain Sydney Sandridge to give the invocation and lead us in the pledge.

We enjoyed a delicious meal of center-cut pork chops with a pineapple and mango sauce.



Alberto Duarte introduced our speaker for the day, Mary Flynn, Director of the Hawthorne Music Conservatory. Mary told us that the Hawthorne Conservatory is a unique music ministry of Central Presbyterian Church located in the historic Freeman

House in downtown Huntsville. The establishment of the Hawthorne Conservatory was made possible through a generous trust fund left to Central Presbyterian Church by Marguerite Cartwright Hawthorne. The school offers music instruction in a Christian atmosphere to students of any age, especially those who cannot afford music lessons. She gave many examples of how the students lives are enhanced by the music instruction at the conservatory including Justin and Jason Jordan, the young men that have sung at several of our Optimist events.

She then presented photos of the newly renovated Cooper House. This will give the church new meeting spaces for their youth and young adult ministries. It is also will be the location of our annual pancake breakfast this September that we hold to honor the memory of Jeff Smith and to support the Hawthorne Music Conservatory.

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Alberto passed out tickets for the pancake breakfast, asking everyone to commit to selling at least ten tickets.

Peter Sathi won the money, we then closed with the Creed.



Optimistic Quote of The Week

" If I were given the opportunity to present a gift to the next generation, it would be the ability for each individual to learn to laugh at himself."

Charles Schultz

CALENDAR

7/14 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

Mary Flynn - Hawthorne Conservatory

7/21 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center

Business Meeting - Food Alberto Duarte

7/28 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn

Alberto Duarte - TBA

8/2 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank

Board Meeting

8/27 Saturday TBA Place TBA

Picnic with JOOI Clubs

9/24 Saturday 7:30 to 11:30 Cooper House
Central Presbyterian

Pancake Breakfast for Hawthorne Conservatory