



# Opti - Topics

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After Sidney Sandridge gave a prayer of thanks and led us in the pledge of allegiance we enjoyed a spread of different varieties of chicken arranged by the Duarte's. Pres. Jim Roe started the business meeting by passing out copies of Sec/Treas Al's financial report for review. He asked that since Al was out of town to hold any questions till his return. Jim did point out that a \$1,447.05 fine was received from the IRS for the club not filing the 2008 Form 990 return. Al paid this fine and described our situation to the IRS, appealing that a refund be given consideration.

Pres. Jim announced that I would write today's bulletin, but would not be a regular attendee in the future. No one volunteered to take this on so I suspect it will be a week-to-week issue for awhile. It seems this would be an excellent opportunity for one of our newer members to make a significant contribution to the club, and become better acquainted with other members. The job simply requires e-mailing a weekly account of our current and near future activities to Tom Casteel and he will make the distribution.

I understand Duane is program chairman for August. When our speakers are identified we'll include them in the CALENDAR. Alberto moved that we invite representatives from our new Hazel Green JOOI Club to eat with us soon. Approval was unanimous. The next playground fundraiser will be celebrity waiting at Logan's Roadhouse August 15. Let Pres. Jim know if you'd like to be a celebrity.

The pancake breakfast will be Saturday, September 24, 7:30 to 11:00 am. Tickets are only \$5, including 2<sup>nd</sup>'s. Each member is asked to move 10 tickets. Alberto has more if you need them. He said 400 have been furnished to the Central Presbyterian church to sell.

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The event will be in their new Cooper House across the street from the church at Randolph and Lincoln streets. All proceeds go to the Hawthorne Music Conservatory. They give children music lessons whether or not they can pay.

Jim Berry said we have a newlywed in our club, Alfred Adams. We gave Alfred a rousing applause! Bill Clarke reported that the HOF tax exempt status was still under review, but he is optimistic we will be favorably looked upon.

The picnic committee, headed by Jack Fauble, is making great headway. It will take place Saturday, August 27 at Jack's place in Harvest with the gathering starting about 2:00 pm, and eating around 5:00 pm. Tom Casteel will add a map to one of our newsletters. Stay tuned as plans evolve. Probably the club will provide Blake Dorning's specialty chicken. Hot dogs are also planned. The big unknown is an estimate of the number of attendees., since it was decided to extend invitations to our 4 JOOI Club members and their parents. Jack's committee will come up with a ball park number. A request to bring a dish to share is likely. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our next meeting, including a questionnaire of desired picnic activities. Pres. Jim may decide we need to skip 2 of our regular meetings to finance the picnic.



## Optimistic Quote of The Week

**" Optimism is the one quality more associated with success and happiness than any other."**

*Brian Tracy*

## CALENDAR

- 7/28 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**Alberto Duarte - TBA**
- 8/2 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Commercial Bank  
**Board Meeting**
- 8/4 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
**Duane Plank - TBA**
- 8/11 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn  
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- 8/18 Thursday 11:45 Optimist Recreation Center  
**Business Meeting - Food Duane Plank**
- 8/25 Thursday - **No Meeting**
- 8/27 Saturday 2:00 pm Jack Fauble's Farm  
**Picnic with JOOI Clubs**
- 9/24 Saturday 7:30 to 11:30 Cooper House  
Central Presbyterian  
**Pancake Breakfast for Hawthorne Conservatory**