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Rev. Jim Berry did the honors today, leading us in a prayer of thanks and then the pledge of allegiance. Fabiani introduced his guest, Grayson Adkins, a recent Vanderbilt engineering graduate employed by a local contractor.

Gay passed around a sign-up sheet for the Saturday, August 27 picnic at Jack Fauble's farm in Harvest. The picnic committee is attempting to determine how many attendees we can expect since we've invited our four JOOI Clubs. It could be a nice crowd with festivities beginning at 2:00 pm with eating later. Next week the club will indicate what activities we would like included – and maybe if a covered dish is expected from members. The club plans to have hot dogs available, and Zack says he will have 4 barbecued venison hams.

Program chairman for August, Duane Plank, has scheduled Sheriff Blake Dorning to be our speaker next time, August 4 if he can make it. Blake will have an operation soon, and may be in the hospital on that day. On the 11th Barbara Nash, president of Barbara Nash Consulting will be our featured speaker. She will describe taking 26 young artists to Europe, and their experiences in performing musical concerts in several cities. Elaine Plank and Barbara are long time friends.



Fabiani introduced Josh Schwartz, principal of Grace Lutheran School where Fabiani was once a student prior to going to Randolph and Vanderbilt. Mr. Schwartz is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He was employed by Ohio State and had executive education experience in Fort Wayne before coming to Huntsville 2 years ago.

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He traced the history of Grace Lutheran from the time it purchased the building housing the John Deere Company in 1958 until today's impressive spread of facilities on South Parkway. He emphasized the role of education to empower young people to become successful by unlocking their God-given talents.

He noted that in the two years he has been here all chalk boards have been replaced by smart boards such as are often seen on TV. The students enjoy being technically at the cutting edge. The principal mentioned several ways in which the school's mission and vision are being met. He noted, and highly recommended, their annual Octoberfest German meal this year scheduled for October 28. I've enjoyed this many times.

Fabiani closed the meeting by presenting Mr. Schwartz with a framed Charter Certificate of their new JOOI Club.

Then Bill Clarke again gathered up the attendance prize.



Optimistic Quote of The Week

“People deal too much with the negative, with what is wrong. Why not try and see positive things, to just touch those things and make them bloom?”

Thich Nhat Hanh

CALENDAR

- 8/2 Tuesday 4:00 pm 1st Commercial Bank
Board Meeting
- 8/4 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
Sheriff Blake Dorning
- 8/11 Thursday 11:45 am Downtown Holiday Inn
**Barbara Nash - Young People's European
Musical Concerts**
- 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 Youth Clubs
- 9/24 Saturday 7:30 to 11:30 Cooper House
Central Presbyterian
Pancake Breakfast for Hawthorne Conservatory