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Pres. Bob Martin asked Alberto to offer a prayer of thanks prior to today's business meeting at the ORC. After Alberto led the pledge of allegiance, the 13 of us dug into the meal Alberto had arranged – barbecued chicken, pork, and beef with all the fixin's from Little Paul's – an excellent choice. Since the 100 plus degree heat index kept many away, the members present helped themselves to the ample remaining food.

Following a period of corny joke telling, we got back on the subject of food, and our upcoming picnic. As you know it will be Saturday, July 24 at Sidney's farm in Harvest. **See attached map.** The time for the start of activities is 5:00 pm. At last count more than 40 will be attending. **There will be no meeting on Thursday, July 22.** Even if you haven't signed up you' all come and bring guests. I'm sure you'll get fed. Jim Roe, and others, will be meeting at Ford's Chapel at 2:00 pm on picnic day to move chairs and tables from the church to the farm. Call Jim (256-883-8950) if you can assist in getting set up for the picnic.

Zack is planning our luncheon meetings for August, and he has some outstanding programs in store, e.g. , on Thursday, August 5 our speaker will be Roger Vaughn, a member of the board of directors for the Optimist International Foundation; and on the 12th, a musical program will feature a Grand Ole Opry star as the principal performer. We sang a happy birthday greeting to Jim Berry today.

Pres. Bob announced that Tom Casteel will replace Bill Clarke as head of our band instrument program. Bill was one of the founders and leaders since the program's inception in, I think, 1993, and has asked for someone else to take the reins. More than any other individual Bill's dedication and leadership has led to the success of this program, which is recognized as one of the most unique club-originated programs in all of OI. The club is grateful to Bill for professionally managing this work through the years. Please support Tom if he asks you to take on one of the middle schools. Our presentation of awards each spring has given us an opportunity to spread the Optimist story to captive audiences that number in the hundreds.

Finally, Bob passed out a list of tax-exempt organizations we plan to support with \$20,000 this year. Our community service committee has reviewed dozens of requests and screened this to about 10 which they recommended to the board. The board approved their recommendations and today the club gave its unanimous go ahead. As soon as tax-exempt evidence is forwarded to the HOF (Huntsville Optimist Foundation) for each recipient, check writing will proceed.

CALENDAR

07/22	Thurs	NO MEETING		
07/24	Sat.	TBA	Sandridge Farm	Club Picnic Sheriff's Chicken
07/29	Thurs.	11:45	DHI	Lisa Sparks School Foundation Board
08/03	Tues.	4:00pm	1 st Comm. Bank	Board Meeting
08/05	Thurs.	11:45	DHI	Roger Vaughn OI Foundation
08/12	Thurs.	11:45	DHI	Grand Ole Opry Performance
08/19	Thurs.	11:45	ORC	Business Meeting



