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Pres. Bob Martin asked Sidney to give today's invocation, and to lead us in the pledge of allegiance. Someone asked how much **HOT** money he collected at the picnic. \$9.50 will be added to the club's treasury. Among our guests today Zack introduced Peter Sathi, a former Indian army officer. Peter spoke briefly in a patriotic vein. Following a lifetime of travel he has written a book, entitled "My Unforgettable Adventures in 75 Countries and Life in India." Since then he has added 10 more. Based on his experience he decided that the U.S. was where he wanted to spend his retirement years. He is now an American citizen; assures us there is no better place to live, and those always living here are, indeed, fortunate. We gave him an enthusiastic spontaneous hand! Furthermore, Zack said Peter has agreed to speak at one of our luncheons next month. See CALENDAR. Gay introduced Leslie McGill from her bank, who is also a board member of The Schools Foundation, the subject of today's luncheon program. Pres. Bob recognized new member Tim Williams. Welcome aboard. I need his address etc. Tom Casteel has scheduled a band instrument refurbishment workshop to be held at the Optimist Recreation Center on Saturday, August 7. The idea is to get involved in inspecting, cleaning, and return our instruments to good working order prior to the start of school, thus saving some of our Bandwagon expenses. Those members working with middle school band directors are especially invited. Pres.-Elect Jim Roe mentioned that he'd like to get an early start on our essay and oratorical contests. Please contact Jim if you can support him in getting involved in these activities.



Fabiani gave an enthusiastic introduction to our speakers, Lisa Sparks and Debbie Beaupree of The Schools Foundation Board; whose mission is bridging business and education, aimed at increasing the performance of principals, teachers, and students, through the enhancement of leadership skills. Emphasis is directed toward English, math, and science in order to better compete globally. They cited the New Hope school, once a dropout factory, to today enjoying advanced achievement. They encouraged getting personally in contact with our children's education, and speaking out with any new ideas for improving our next generation's leadership. The Foundation is structured to accommodate your input. At this point Peter Sathi added his remarks on the subject. He has observed that parents and grandparents in India and China as well as in many other countries spend many hours each day with their children to supplement formal education, especially during vacation periods. This becomes a matter of priority and melds well with the objects of Optimism. The future of our country is at stake. Carl W. won the drawing.

CALENDAR

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
08/26	Thurs, 11:45	DHI	Peter Sathi World Traveler

