

OWNERS *FOCUS*ed on the Future

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On Saturday, October 25th, a large group of Heritage Lake property owners attended the “***FOCUSed on The Future***” Event which was held at the Bainbridge Community Center. The theme recognized that we currently enjoy a great place to live and that we have a lot of people to thank for that. The point was that we need to think about what is needed **NOW** to keep our community and lake the great place it is today and to be an attractive location for future new neighbors.

The need to assess our current governing documents and to get them updated so we can better enforce our rules and to position us to accomplish initiatives that will prepare us for the future was addressed. Action on our part to become a stronger voice in our township and county governments and our school system, so our roads, security and education are attractive reasons for our future neighbors wanting to live in our community was another theme.

A selection of speakers presented ideas as to what it takes to make a community attractive to both its current and potential new residents. Making presentations were: Alan Zerkel, Principal of North Putnam High School, addressing the role that education plays; Tom Mattingly, a real estate broker, pointing out what people look for in a community and the importance of maintaining our amenities, roads and having visible security; Brian Waldman, Chairman of the Lake Committee, sharing the importance of a well-maintained lake and its link to growing property values and Ed Brock, Property Manager for Painted Hills, speaking on the importance of community involvement in getting things done.

In attendance were several candidates for offices in the upcoming November 4th election. Also our New Putnam County Sheriff, Steve Fenwick, and his Chief Deputy, Doug Nally, were present. All of these special guests were thanked for attending. We asked these candidates and sheriff to develop solutions that will improve our roads and provide formal and visible security to the community.

Many exciting door prizes valued at over \$2,000 was donated by local merchants, added excitement and fun to the evening along with a tasty Dinner also sponsored by several local merchants and the ***FOCUS*** Group.

The ***FOCUS*** Group thanks the merchants and all the property owner volunteers who made this a successful event.

Your FOCUS Group Steering Committee