

# "Optimist OPTICS"

"Dare to Care"



### Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

**Rich Hawley - President** 

### This Week's Program

**Next Week's Program** 

Jan 13th - TBA

Jan 27th - TBA



Prez Rich was away and Ron Eberhart stepped in to take the reins of the club on Wednesday, December 9th. Ron called the meeting to order, led the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag, and the Optimist Creed.

#### Several announcements:



• Ron talked about and asked for prayers for Rich and his mom.

• Ron also announced the **Board of Directors meeting** will be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday evening, **December 15 th at 7pm.** 

- Also discussed was the upcoming ringing of the bells for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 18th at Walmart East. Ron mentioned that if you had not signed-up yet, contact Josh Paulson. (josh@paulson-insurance.com)
- Ron updated the group regarding the donations to the Foundation for the Santa Clothes Club. \$1400 has been collected from members which means the Foundation will match that amount for a total of \$2800 going to the Santa Clothes Club. That's enough money to clothe 28 children.

No Sarg today so we went into the program for the day. Ron asked members if they had any Christmas memories from years past.

Sally Olson offered and shared a picture of her and her brother from many years ago when her dad owned a shoe store. She told about the day her dad "fired Santa Clause". Apparently he had one at his store. Santa went into the back and a man came out dressed in street clothes. Sally asked her dad about it and he said he had to "fire" Santa. I guess he made up the story so Sally and his brother to keep their belief alive about Santa.



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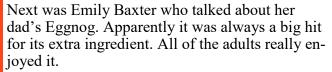






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Ron talked about the days when a live tree cost \$3.00. He remembered one year when the tree he bought had several bare spots. So he cut the limbs off of the lower branches, drilled holes in the trunk and placed them there. I think some string and wire might have been involved in keeping them in place.

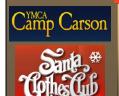
Ron asked Tim Deisher if Lea had put up her 75 North Pole Villages this year. No he said, "sadly she didn't want to this year". A personal side note: The writer had seen it last year and was amazed as she had turned their game room into this amazing snow village.

Lastly we discussed whether to have our meeting next week with the Christmas Party or cancel. It was the consensus to cancel the meeting due to virus as attendance at the meetings has been lower.



So, Ron ended the meeting by ringing the bell and said..."see ya next year". Our first meeting in January will be on Wednesday the 13th.

Ron Eberhart – Newsletter writer



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