

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

Jan 14th - TBA

Dec 17th - Holiday Lunch Bring a dessert and a child's toy /Toys for Tots

> The Downtown Optimist Club of Evansville enjoyed a large turn-out on Wednesday, December 10, 2014. Tis the season of blessing, miracles and sharing and today's meeting was an extra special meeting as our club hosted the annual Foundation gifting. President Karen Morris rang the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Ron Eberhart led our invocation. Karen Morris followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Optimist Creed.



After greeting our guests, Karen thanked our attendees and asked that they all consider becoming a member of the Downtown Optimist club.

Announcements followed. Don Julian was missed as was his sunshine report. Conscience money was gathered by several, including some of our guests. Sarge duties were dispensed for the day in lieu of beginning the program.

Our Lt. Governor came forward and invited Mark Hackert to join him at the podium as he received the "Past Lt. Gov. pin". Mark, congratulations. . . boy that was a quick year. Thank you for representing our club at LT. Gov.

Sign-ups for the annual Salvation Army bell ringing were held. Our club will be ringing the bell on Friday, December 19, 2014 from 9 until 4. It's not too late to sign up.

Karen announced that the December 17th meeting would be the last for this year. At this meeting, we will be hearing from some of our Outstanding Youth. Please plan on attending this meeting. To add a festive flair, please bring a dessert and toy for the "Toys for Tot's". It's fine to pick up a dessert rather than a homemade good. Please join us in the fun.

The exciting portion of the program began around 12:30 p.m. with the recipients of the 2014-15 Optimist grant being invited to come forward, receive their grant money and pose for the camera. Each group graciously highlighted how their grant money would be used and thanked our club for making some of these projects possible.





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Ed Harrison Memorial **Golf Scramble**

"Optimist OPTICS"- continued





Community Action Program Dream Center/Media Ministries **Evansville ARC** Haubstadt Little League **Inspiring Autism Spectrum Families** Junior Achievement of SW Indiana Koch's Family Children's Museum Little Lambs of Evansville **Optimal Rhythms** Patchwork Central Pennyrile Youth Soccer Club **Riding Hope** Smile on Down's Syndrome Toys for Tots Campaign Vanderburgh County CASA, In. Wesselman Nature Society YWCA Youth Resources

The 2014-15 recipients included:

Albion Fellows Bacon Center

Children's Center for Dance

Boom Squad

that relies upon us to consider gifting to our Foundation as part of our own planning. That's it. . .sorry for the delayed newsletter. Please plan on attending our meeting Wednesday and may

This meeting always inspires me to first reflect on how thankful I am for the Foundation and the generosity and foresight of members that went before us and had the vision of leaving a legacy through the Optimist Club. It also reminds me of my responsibility to our former members and a community



all enjoy a blessed and happy holiday season.

Optimistically,

Karen Morris









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