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"Helping Kids, Now and for the Future"



John Perkins - President

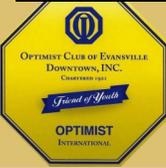
Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

This Week's Program

Jan 24th -
Don Julian Memorial Program

Next Week's Program

Feb 14th -
Ronald McDonald House



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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It was another great meeting on January 10th

President John Perkins started the meeting and by leading the group with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, and Optimist Creed led by Ron Eberhart and Ken Dennis. As our very first meeting of 2018 and back at the Blue and Gold Room at Old National Bank, Downtown. He commented about the refurbishing done to the room. Very nicely done. Karen Morris remarked that they had it done because they knew that we were returning to the room. LOL.

Guests today included Beith Dietsch and Zach Chavira who attended with Brandon Roop, our guest speaker, from Donaldson Capital Management Group.

Sunshine Report: Ron Eberhart updated members about John Bender. He said he had talked to John about a month ago and he was doing well at River Pointe Healthcare Facility. It is located at 3001 Galaxy Drive off of North Green Road just south of Lynch Road.

President John had several announcements: No official amount we raised during our Salvation Army Bell ringing. President John will call and get a total. Also, the board will be meeting on January 16th, 12 Noon in Room 205 of ONB, Downtown.

New Half-Pot Rules: John asked Gary Burk to explain how the new proposed Half-Pot Money program would work. Everyone has to put a dollar in the "pot". All member names are in another container. The person whose name is drawn has to be present to win. If they are not, there is no winner and another drawing does not take place until the next meeting. Gary said an important to the success is to promote the amount of the drawing in the newsletter. The idea being, the greater the amount to be given away will help attract members to attend in hopes of winner. This will be discussed again at our board meeting on Tuesday, January 16th.

Upcoming Meetings: John announced that our January 24th meeting will honor Don Julian with a video and picture presentation. John also mentioned that our speaker on February 14th, Valentines Day, will be a representative from the Ronald McDonald House.

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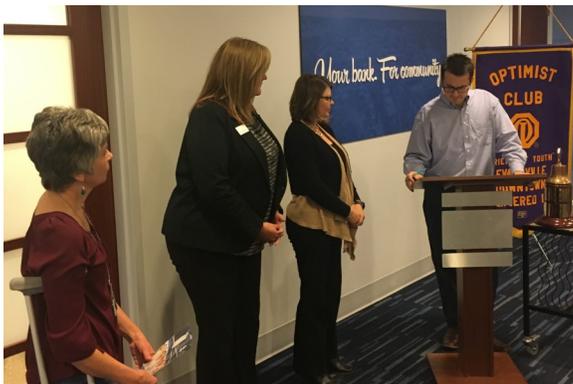


Induction: President John had the pleasure of inducting two new members. Susan Washburn and Mellissa Goff, both sponsored by Colleen York. Way to go Colleen!! They had attended our NOW meeting in October and decided to join us. Susan works with Granted and Mellissa Goff works for Autism Society of Indiana.

Josh Paulson served as Sarge and started with the Half-Pot drawing. Sally Olson was the big winner who donated the money back to the club. Next were the trivial questions based upon the recent NCAA Football College Championship Game. Two tables knew the answers thanks to Karen Morris and Ron Morris. The other table did not know the answer. Conscience money as donated by Karen Morris, Ken Dennis, Ron Eberhart, Gary Burk, John Perkins, Colleen York, Shaun Kingston, and Sally Olson.

Our speaker today was Brandon Roop with Donald Capital Management Group. Brandon, who is a member, gave his annual update on the performance of our club’s foundation performance. Another great year. Brandon passed out literature with information including charts explaining the stock and bonds performance and their rationale for purchasing them. The fund has about 60% stocks and 40% bonds. Over the last 5 years, our fund has performed at 12.4%. Since its inception, our foundation has given away almost \$380,000

Ron Eberhart, January Newsletter Contributor.



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