

“Optimist OPTICS”



**Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble**

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Yours truly won the ½ pot & returned it to the Club. Dan & Scott shared the Buddy Prizes because Dan had called, and or emailed him! Good job Dan, & glad you came today, Scott!

Mark Hackert introduced Joe Kiefer as today's Speaker. Mr. Kiefer presented some remarks concerning the State of the City. He has recently begun his 2nd term on the Evansville City Council, this time as the President. He is replacing recently elected Mayor, Lloyd Winnecke. He is finding his County Council experience to be very helpful in his present role. Budgetary restraints are presenting obstacles to giving city employees raises, and dealing with health insurance issues.

He sees some positive improvement in income taxes through the issuance of more building permits. He has concerns about what will happen if the City and County governments are combined. He hopes to help the jobs issue in the community by making it easier to start new businesses by reducing or eliminating as much “red tape” as possible. He hopes to get the various entities that issue permits to “work with customers” and try to find ways to “make it work,” instead of blindly following “the rules,” which prevent many new businesses from forming. Good program, Mark!

It was encouraging to see 18 members in attendance today! However, we had only ONE member of the female persuasion! Thanks, Sally Olson for being here two meetings in a row [that I am aware of!] Let's see if more of our fairer members can be at the February 8 meeting! [Read, “this is a challenge!!!]

Call your Buddy, and mark your calendars to attend next meeting, and if you think of it, **BRING A GUEST!!!**

Ye Ed, Don Julian

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