

# "Optimist OPTICS"

"Everything We Do is for the Kids"

nvolve a new exhibit displaying a number of African animals

#### This Week's Program

#### **Next Week's Program**

Feb 8th, 2012 Shaun Angel FLEX151 Fitness Feb 22nd, 2012
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Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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Our meeting was opened today at 12:10 by our illustrious Circle of Leaders Prez, Ken Dennis. He introduced Ron Eberhart who led us in an Invocation, the Pledge, and the Creed. He did his usual outstanding job! What can I say, but Thanks, Ron!!

Returnee's today were Tim Deisher, Dan Phillips, Milt Norman, and Scott Joest. Great to see you all! Please come as often as you can! Bob Levi introduced his guest for today, Richard Sprinkle. Welcome, Richard, and please come again!

The *Sunshine Report* included Emily Baxter, who was unable to return a phone call, so, it is assumed that she was too busy, and that's a good thing! Don Korb did not answer his phone, so he may be in Florida! Anyone know? Bob Levi was in attendance, and as mentioned above he brought a guest! [When was the last time **you** invited a guest??? HINT]

Ron advised that the USI Club was meeting Wednesday [tonight] at 7:30. We are always invited to attend their meeting and to provide some support for their efforts!

Sarg Campbell pulled Conscience monies from Ken and Gary. Ron thanked those members who helped out Saturday with the Tri-Star Basketball Program. They included Brandon Roop, Rick Roop [I think they are related!], Chris Gehlhausen, Ron Eberhart, and Todd Wahl. Thanks! They had 13 participants, and are contemplating a joint program with the Father of one of the participants, who works with a church that has some 80 kids who are involved. Could a mutually beneficial effort that would boost both programs and benefit a lot more kids!!!

Doc Bender's Medical Minute continued his focus on the body, focusing on the spinal cord. It is the second most vital organ of the body, ranking next to the brain in importance! The cord is protected by the vertebrae and spinal fluid. Surgeons withdraw the fluid, using a spinal tap, to aid in the diagnosis of disease thru the use of the fluid in making cultures. A spinal anesthesia is used in various surgical procedures. Thanks for those words of wisdom, Doc!

Sarg extracted more money from the membership with his trivia questions, such as revealing that Charles the 1<sup>st</sup> was the only British Monarch to be executed, and a question about Moby Dick that I missed.

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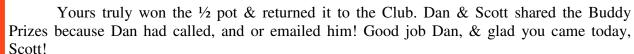






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Mark Hackert introduced Joe Kiefer as today's Speaker. Mr. Kiefer presented some remarks concerning the State of the City. He has recently begun his 2<sup>nd</sup> term on the Evansville City Council, this time as the President. He is replacing recently 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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