

"Optimist OPTICS

"Achieving Our Goals"



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Michael Burk - President

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

February 13th—Joe Schalasky Farm Manager at Seton Harvest February 27th—Susan Washburn Granted



It was a rather warm day with some rain with temps around 50 degrees but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm at the Downtown Optimist Meeting. President Michael Burk rang the bell and began the meeting at 12:10am. Eberhart led the group in an invocation, Pledge to our Flag, and the Optimist Creed.



Michael informed the group about the new laminated Creed Sheets done by none other than Gary Burk. Some had information about the club on the reverse side. This will be put out on the tables so allow members and non-members to recite the creed at the beginning of each meeting.



Michael also announced that we had 3 Essay participants. One student from Posey Country, one from North High School, and one from Lynnville. He also mentioned a student from Harrison but he most likely will enter the East Side Optimist Club's contest.



Regarding Respect for Law, Michael explained that the summer program was renamed to Law Camp and will be held at Vincennes University. We are going to pursue participation this year. Money to help subsidize kids might be provided by our Foundation.



New members Paul Gorman and Christian Burch have been asked to help set-up our participation at the Ronald McDonald House. We would be cooking meals for parents staying at the house when their children are at a



local hospital. TV star, Rich Hawley, filled-in as our Sarge today. His Trivia Questions were about the upcoming Ground Hog

Day. First question was correctly answered by the smart people table. Question was: What was Phil's wife's name??....Phyllis, naturally. Second question was regarding the first year for Ground Hog Day. Answer, 1886. Table 2 couldn't answer. Last question was. What was the name of Phil's car used in parades? Easy Rich let them off of the hook to pay as the answer was Phil-Mobile.



Half-pot today was won by Dan Phillips, a whopping 11 bucks. Buddy Prizes were won by Michael Burk and Tim Deisher. Valentine's boxed candy provided by Ron Eberhart. Ron also presented Emily Baxter with her Official Optimist Polo shirt from last summer. Emily has been working hard for Vectren doing a lot of traveling and has missed a lot of meetings.



Next up was our speaker, Patty Haas with the Evansville Blind Association. Patty has been employed by the Blind Association for over 20 years. She has received training at Chicago's Lighthouse and other facilities. She explained that she "likes helping people" and that's why she is working for them. The Blind Association was formed in 1918 and incorporated in 1923. celebrated their 100th anniversary last year.

Ed Harrison Memorial **Golf Scramble**





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Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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They have several divisions that work with people of all ages, from birth to the elderly. Currently they are working with 23 kids with sight problems and will travel 90 miles from Evansville to help people with sight problems. They not only work with people who are totally blind, but a lot of people with reduced vision.

They have a factory as their building that makes items to sell, as well as a furniture store to employ the impaired sight people.

She had several pairs of goggles she passed around to help demonstrate the effects from several diseases: Macular Degeneration, Glaucoma, Diabetic Retinopathy, and Cataracts.

She also had two pairs of glasses that are used to help decrease glare. One Yellow pair is used on cloudy days to brighten the surroundings. In addition she brought several magnifying glasses from the pocket size to a much larger one to help people read the newspaper.

In finishing her speech, she said that their clientele were 10% blind and 60% visually impaired. She invited our club to come and tour their facility.

During the meeting the outside temperature dropped to about 32 degrees....oh, well....it is Evansville and it is Wintertime!!

Well, that's it for me. Don't forget to call you buddy and come to the next GREAT Downtown Optimist meeting on February 13th. Our Pre-Valentine's Day meeting will be very heartfelt.

Ron Eberhart. Over and Out.



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