



# "Optimist OPTICS"

"Achieving Our Goals"



## Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Michael Burk - President

### This Week's Program

### Next Week's Program

February 27th—TBA

March 13th—TBA



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:



Our Vice Prez. Rich Hawley opened the meeting today on this sunny, but cold 31 degree day. Dan Phillips took care of the invocation.

#### Announcements

\* **Board meeting Tuesday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at ONB 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 205, Noon, everyone is invited.**

Sunshine Report-Gary stated all is well as far as he knows.

Rich also took care of the Sarge position and collected conscious money from Karen, Gary, Colleen, Dan, Doc Bender, Sally, and Ken. Half-Pot was won by Colleen York, she won around 6 or 7 dollars. Sarge was back at his trivia questions today, we found out that John K Kennedy held the first press conference on tv, President Obama was first president to collect comic books, LB Johnson was the first president to take the oath to be president by a woman and Jimmy Carter was the first president to be born in a hospital.

Our program for today was presented by Susan Washburn, who is also one of our members. Susan is the Director of Granted, which used to have the name of Wish Upon A Star. Granted was founded in 1985 and serves children between the ages of 3-18 that have a terminal or life threatening illness. The very first wish granted was to Jamie Petty, she was given a trip to Disney World. Susan stated that the average time for the approval process is 3 months and there was 13 wishes granted in 2018.

There is a lot of reasons that Granted has been so successful, which include the fact that it is a local organization, works a 100 mile radius, no waiting list, personal touch, special events, support groups, scholarships, Granted Graduates, Compassion Program, Christmas for families that need help (supported 19 families last year). The best way we can help is volunteer your time, send referrals and attend events that are held different times during the year!



Hope to see everyone at the next meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>!

Dan Phillips

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# ***“Optimist OPTICS” - continued***



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Camp Carson**



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