

"Optimist OPTICS

"Dare to Care"



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Rich Hawley - President

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

Mar 10th - Sean Kuykendall, YMCA Exec Dir of Community Outreach Mar 24th - TBA



President Rich start the Zoom meeting with the ringing of the bell at 12:05pm followed by an invocation, Pledge to Our Flag, and Optimist Creed. Rich welcomed Indiana South Governor Bill Cherolis. We had a total of 10 people zooming today, February 25th.



Rich reminded member of the upcoming board meeting on March 16th which will be Zoomed. He will be in Florida and Ron will also be in Florida. With Zoom, you can be anywhere and still attend the meeting as long as you have the ap on your phone or iPad.



We also discussed going back to in-person meeting in April. Rich check with Karen Morris and we are scheduled through the end-of-the-year in the Bob Jones Community Room. As Rich calls it, the glass bowl.



Rich also reviewed members with perfect attendance so far in the first quarter. Those members are: Ron Eberhart, Jeff and Sally Olson, and Mike Burk. The winner for the quarter will receive a great prize from our president.



Mike Burk updated us regarding the 100th Anniversary. He is proposing Saturday, October 2nd. Due to the time frame, we will also incorporate our Changing of the Guard in the meeting.



Sunshine Report. Gary mentioned that he will be having shoulder surgery in April and will be out of action for 6 to 8 weeks.



Ron and Gary updated the membership on the status of the Essay Contest. We have received two Essays so far, both from students at Techumseh High School.



Next up was our speaker, Jason Williams, who works at Centerpointe but is involved in the men's group, Real Men Wear Pink. He is married with four children and attended University of Evansville and USI. Their organization formed in Evansville about 4 years ago to raise money for the American Cancer Society. October is their month to wear pink. Jason said he wears pink every day in October from suites, to shirts and hats as this is when they conduct their fund raising efforts. In their first year 2018 they raised over \$11,000, with \$31,000 the second year and \$35,000 the third year. They have about 15 to 20 men involved in the organization in Evansville. The great news is that cancer survivor rates continue to decrease. They has been a 26% decline in all cancer deaths in 30 years. The survival rate of breast cancer is now 85-90%. >>>>>>> Continued on Next Page

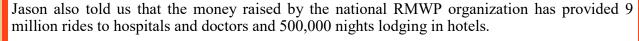




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He asked for volunteers that might be interested in joining their great organization.

Another great meeting. Join us on March 10th as we Zoom, Zoom, Zoom once again.

Ron Eberhart, February Newsletter Writer













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