



## ***"Optimist OPTICS"- continued***



**Ed Harrison  
Memorial  
Golf Scramble**

Financial Support for:

**YMCA  
Camp Carson**



Ron Eberhart led the induction for 2 new members, John Perkins and Mayor Lloyd Winnecke. John is a Public Accountant for Riney & Hancock. He has been a member for a few months and spearheaded the bell ringing this past December. Mayor Winnecke has been the mayor of Evansville for the past 3 years and has a very optimistic outlook for our city and has shown great leadership for the projects that have been completed during that time. Welcome aboard gentleman!! Mark Hackert was the sponsor for John, great job Mark!! Thanks for taking care of the induction Ron, great job again!!

The program for the day was delivered by Mayor Winnecke. He discussed the State of the City and touched on upcoming projects and accomplishments over the past several years.

- \*Economic Development-2,400 jobs have been created/retained the last few years.
- \*Mead Johnson is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.
- \*Fisher Dynamics will be hiring 169 new employees.
- \*United Airlines will be offering service in June.
- \*There will be an update on the IU Medical School in April
- \*City Finances are strong and we were 5 million less in 2014 than budgeted.
- \*5000 volunteers helped with Trash Pick Up around the city.
- \*200 trees will be planted around Roberts Park on Arbor Day.
- \*The sewer and water departments needs to be upgraded real soon, estimated over 600 million to cover the upgrades.

Hope everyone can make it out to our next meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>, we need everyone's support and attendance.

Until then,

Dan Phillips



**Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 11:45**  
**Old National Bank Building, Downtown; Blue and Gold Room**  
**Mail Club at: P.O. Box 15905, Evansville, Indiana 47716 - 0905**  
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