



***"Helping Kids, Now and
for the Future"***

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Jeff Olson - President

This Week's Program

**Mar 12th -
John Campbell Memorial Service**

Next Week's Program

**Mar 26th -
TBA**

Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:



Prez Jeff opened the meeting with the customary clanging of the bell. Ron led us in the Prayer, Pledge, and Creed. Jeff introduced his guest [second time!] Frank Amodio, MD. Welcome back! We hope to see you often!

It was with great sadness that we acknowledged the passing of a great stalwart of our Club, John Campbell. Jeff said that he was the first one to greet he and Sally when they first came to an Optimist meeting. He was open and friendly, possessed a great sense of humor, and was always willing to explain the workings of the Club. He was an experienced and distinguished member. He had served as Club President two times and had served in almost every Club capacity. He was knowledgeable in all phases of our Club and its activities. He enjoyed the unrestrained love and respect of all members. A sympathy card from the Club was circulated for signatures and was delivered to John's family.

- There will be a special meeting on March 12th [our normal meeting day] to honor and remember John. It will be directed by Ron Eberhart. Ron passed around a sign-up sheet for those who wished to talk about their memories of and experiences with John at our March 12th meeting. There were 11 sign-ups!
- Ron had no USI update available.
- Gary advised that the JOOI Club is participating in a Voice Training Program on March 1st, dealing with anti-smoking. There will be an Etiquette Class at Acropolis on April 7th, and a Lock-in is planned for April 21st! Busy schedule!
- Dan Phillips announced that the date for this years Golf Scramble will be September 17th. Plan NOW to Participate!!
- Ron mentioned our Facebook Page and Facebook Group. The Facebook Page is new and just published, that will allow anyone to “like” and make comments about our photos, etc., and follow our Club! The Face book Group is only open to Club Members to post photos or comments.

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Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:45am
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Memorial
Golf Scramble**

Financial Support for:

**YMCA
Camp Carson**



- On February 25th, the YMCA Board met to present Awards and to change over CEO. Mark Scoular, Director of Camp Carson [and a member of our Club] described the plans for the upgrading of Camp Carson by the removal of some old cabins and the building of new cabins! President Jeff and Ken Dennis, Optimist Foundation President, presented the Y Board with a sizable check from our Foundation to be used to build a new Optimist Cabin to replace the Optimist Cabin that was built many years ago and has been removed. More info later.

Don's Sunshine report was brief, as he had no reply to a call placed to Scott Joest. John Schuck's phone was busy and did not get to contact John O'Leary. We hope that they are all doing well.

Tim Deisher acted as Sarge. Karen won the 1/2 pot, and graciously returned it to the Club. Thanks, Karen! A number of folks gave conscience money in remembrance of John. Karen gave a special check.

Doc Bender's Medical Minute informed us about arthritis and some of its causes and effects. It was most interesting to all, especially us older men. Thanks, Doc!

Jeff introduced Melisa Whitler, Store Manager of LITTLE LAMBS OF EVANSVILLE, who was our guest speaker for the day. They distribute Child Safety Seats and emphasize the importance of having a proper seat for a specific child. They can be designed to face forward or backward, and are built to be used in that way. They can wear out, [made of plastic that can crack with age] and they do have an expiration date! Little Lambs provides some seats free of charge. Thanks, Melisa, for bringing us up to date on a very important subject!



Be sure to plan to attend our next meeting, March 12th, as we will share our remembrances of John Campbell then.

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Don Julian

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