



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

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Jeff Olson - President

This Week's Program

Apr 9th - Larry Rhodes
"Activities in aiding the Veterans"

Next Week's Program

**Apr 23rd -
TBA**

Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:

President Olsen ran the bell at 12:10 p.m.
Invocation by Mark Hackert.
Returnees: Bob Shetler and Nichole Folz

Sunshine Report by Don Julian: No report on John Schuck, because Don has been using the wrong phone number. You would never guess that this writer has been doing the same thing.

Guests today: Martha Julian, better half of the Don and Martha show, and Cynthia Nicholson, the guest speaker's wife. Glad to have the ladies in our presence.

Sarge Mike Burk received one clap. Probably one too many.
Half pot was won by Bob Shetler, who graciously donated the funds back to the club. Thanks Bob!

Conscience Money: Ron Eberhart, daughter with child; Mark Hackert, daughter with child and another daughter who was one of 30 to receive honors for her basketball with a smashed face and broken nose; Don Julian; Shaun Kingston; Jeff Olsen and Mike Burk. Thanks to everyone for their donations to the club and to the increase to the population.

Trivia questions were 50/50.

Announcements:

- Ron Eberhart had no report on USI.
- Gary Burk reported that the Joshua Leadership Club was working on a video to be shown to the school. It is called, “Good Choices, Bad Choices”. They will be going to the Acropolis on April 7, to see what they learned in the Dinner Etiquette class.
- The Board decided to pay 50% of the fees for the kids to attend the Respect For Law Camp this year. They also awarded \$500 to the winner of the Essay Contest. More to follow.
- Shaun Kingston said there would be a fund raiser last April or early May at the Hacienda on First Avenue. Ten percent of your bill will be donated to the club.

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Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:45am
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**YMCA
Camp Carson**



Announcements (continued):

- President Jeff reminded everyone that the golf tickets to this year's Victoria National event should be purchased on-line. Our club will receive \$35 for each ticket sold plus a percentage of the \$25,000 donated by Old National Bank
- Jeff also reminded the membership of the District Conference on the weekend of April 11 – 13 in Terre Haute.
- Todd Wahl has accepted a position with a firm in Cincinnati, Ohio. He will be around until he can conclude his business in Evansville. Todd will be missed, and some will miss his unusual sense of humor.
- Mark Hackert reported that over \$1,400 was donated to the Foundation in memory of John Campbell. Thanks to all for remembering John. He would be pleased to know how much he was appreciated for all he did for the club and its members.
- We have an application for a new member, Dr. Frank Amodio, so we have two new members to be inducted soon.

President Jeff introduced today's speaker, Dr. Ray Nicholson, recently retired director of the Evansville Health Department. Dr. Nicholson's accolades we many, and he wore many hats over the years.

Evansville has the third largest health department in Indiana. They are funded by taxes and 21 grants. They provide free health education classes to all, including businesses on request. Evansville leads the state in unwanted pregnancies and syphilis. There is also a big problem with lead poisoning, due to the age of the homes and businesses in the area.

Dr. Nicholson said that they do not report motels and hotels with bed bugs, because they are in every motel and hotel in the state; time to buy that RV you have been wanting.

A third of the Health Departments daily activity is through their WIC (Women and Infant Care) program.

He mentioned the Disaster Preparedness program, but Dr. Nicholson ran out of time. It would have been great to hear the rest of his story. He is a good speaker and very knowledgeable regarding the subject.

If you were not present today, you missed a good meeting. Next meeting will be April 9, so **CALL YOUR BUDDY.**

Gary Burk, Editor



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