



# "Optimist OPTICS"



Ed Harrison  
Memorial  
Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:

YMCA  
Camp Carson

Santa  
Clothes Club

Cheryl Graves introduced our speaker for the day, Jim Whipky, of the Association for the Blind. It is a not-for-profit organization that works with visually impaired individuals, as well as other disabilities. Their goal is to educate, empower, and employ. Currently, there are approximately 140 employees working for the Association. Fundraising became increasingly important after the departure of Whirlpool in 2010. They had been a staunch supporter that has been difficult to replace. In order to maintain staff and service to employees and clients, they opened a furniture store that sells upscale, name brand furniture to the public. Income plateaued, but is now trending up, thanks to a strong administration and Board that engaged in some creative thinking, and took the needed risks! 100% of proceeds from the sale of furniture goes to the job sector. They are located at 500 2nd Ave. and are open M-F from 9 to 5, and Saturday 10 to 3. They offer 90 day layaway, and feature free delivery and haul away.

Folks, this sounds like a worthy cause that deserves our support, so if you are considering buying any new furniture, go visit their showroom to see if they have something that would fill your need!

Officer elections are coming up soon, [May] so give some thought to saying yes to being an officer in the coming year!! Fiscal year runs from October 1.

See you on the 24th, and DON'T FORGET TO CALL YOUR BUDDY!!!

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**Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown, Inc.**

**Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 11:45**

**"New" Old National Bank Building, Downtown, Blue and Gold Room**

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