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"Here's News 4 U - We Help Kids"



Mark Hackert - President

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

April 24th, 2013 Christina Hager - Tales & Scales May 8th, 2013 TRD















Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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Camp Carson



Mark opened the meeting at 12:10. "Rev." Ron lead us in the Invocation, Pledge, & Creed. Returnees for the day were Cheryl Graves and Dan Korb. Welcome back! You were missed!

- Mark announced that we will be participating in a fundraiser that will include the selling of tickets to the upcoming PGA Tournament at Victoria. Details later.
- Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 11:30 at the YWCA.
- Dan announced that we are working on the Summer Picnic, tentatively set for May 22 at Wesselman Park. Details later.
- Sadly, Dan reported that Marilyn and Byron Robinson have lost a baby because of pregnancy complications. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers!

Don's Sunshine report was brief, reporting only that member Mark Scoular's son, Iain, is being treated for AMV (arterio venous malformation) on the left side of his brain. This is a very serious condition that can have extremely serious consequences. He has received a new type of treatment that is producing positive results. He is now driving again and is planning to enroll at USI this Fall. There remains a lot of "waiting and what ifs." Please keep Iain, Mark and his family in your thoughts and prayers!!!

Sarg Campbell had on his thinking cap today, which did not bode well for the membership! He began benignly enough with a call for Conscience Money. Cheryl, Karen, Dan, Ron, Don Korb, Jeff, and Mean Gene all contributed to the cause. Perhaps others that I didn't catch. Sorry 'bout that!!

Karen announced that she will be dancing in an Evansville version of "Dancing with the Stars." I don't have many details, but the event is not until early June, so I'm sure more info will be coming out soon. We can support Karen by making a \$10 contribution. How and to whom will be forthcoming. You go girl!!!

Sarge asked trivia [HA] questions based on the Greek Homer! Incredulously, only ONE correct answer was given. Jeff knew that somebody's wife was Penelope. The rest was Greek to me!!!

The half pot was won by Mean Gene, who graciously donated it back to the Club. THANKS, Gene!!

The Buddy prize was won by Don & Bill Simmons after Ron, Gary, and Bob Levi would not admit to having called their Buddy!

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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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