



"Optimist OPTICS"



"Helping Kids, Now and for the Future"

John Perkins - President

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

This Week's Program

April 25th -
C-MOE

Next Week's Program

May 9th -
911 Gives Hope, Dave Weiss



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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The Downtown Optimist Club met on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 with President John Perkins ringing our gathering together at 12:15 p.m.

John opened the meeting with a lovely prayer that echoed the Optimist Creed. Ken led our group in reciting the Optimist pledge followed by Jeff with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan Phillips led the charge for conscience money.

Rich covered the trivia. . .the first group managed a win by answering correctly to the question, "with musical group from 1967-1969 outsold the Rolling Stones and the Beatles combined? The answer was The Monkeys. Following the musical trend, the next questions stumped the group with, "This artist's mother invented White Out"... Answer Mike Nesmeth.

The rolling half pot was pulled and Emily Baxter's name was called. Emily, we missed you. . . and you missed half pot.

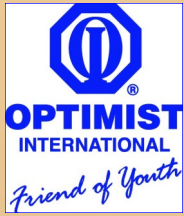
Announcements:

- John and Ron announced grey polo shirts were available for order with the Optimist logo.
- Dan announced a **golf meeting** on **April 20th at 11:30 a.m. at Kipplees**...all are welcome. The golf scramble is set for Eagle Valley, September 19th.
- Kudos to John Perkins for being named "Board Member of the Year" in the Warrick Edition of the Courier and Press from the Historic Newburgh Inc./main street group. Way to go John. You are living the Optimist creed.
- The annual **summer picnic** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 16th, at Scott township Park**. Address is Schlenker Road. More information to follow. The club will provide the meat and members are asked to bring sides and desserts.
- Memorial Day visitation is coming up on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. This is an annual grave visitation of former Optimists that have passed and is a lovely way to honor our past members.
- **Upcoming Programs:** C-Moe in 2 weeks and 911 Gives Hope with Dave Weiss the following meeting.
- Ron has several tickets available for the Golf Gives Back.

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John then moved into the program portion of the meeting with a review of the book, “Of Dreams and Deeds” –the history, birth and growth of Optimist International. The start of Optimism dates back to the 1700’s with Sir Richard Steele. .. the initial key point was no sour folks allowed. Hmmm, that’s worth pondering. Unification happened in 1915 in Buffalo, NY with the attempt to bring all clubs together. The Youth Appreciation Week began in the 1950’s with President Nixon naming the week following November 8th as Youth Appreciation Week. The international office was built in Indianapolis. The presentation went through several decades. John is willing to share his slide show in the event you missed this presentation. John, very nice recap of the history of Optimists.



The meeting closed at 1:05. See you in two weeks for CMOE.



Optimistically,



Karen filling in for Cheryl.



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