

# "Optimist OPTICS

"Helping Kids, Now and for the Future"



## Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

### **This Week's Program**

**Next Week's Program** 

April 27th — TBA

May 11th — TBA



Ron Eberhart opened the meeting today shortly after quarter past noon. Ron also led us in the invocation, pledge and creed.

Several returnees to the meeting: Mike Burk, John Perkins, Ken Dennis, Bob Shelter, Shaun Kingston, Cheryl Graves. We were glad to see them back!



Sunshine Report – No update at this time.

Mike Burk was the Sarge for the meeting. He collected conscious money from several members. Don Julian announced that he and Martha have been married for 59 years. Mike stumped the members on some tax trivia. Who knew the IRS dates back to the civil war?



#### Announcements:

- Ron updated us on the Golf Gives Back event. The club has 150 tickets to the tournament to give away this year. Ron has contacted the schools to offer them tickets.
- Emily updated us on the Optimist Now (New Members Wanted) luncheon. She is working hard planning a lunch time meet and greet for potential new members. It will take place at RiRas during the summer. More details will come as the plans progress.



#### Speaker:

-John Perkins

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Emily introduced Dr. John Scott Foster, executive director of the Wesselman Nature Society, as today's speaker. Dr. Foster gave the club updates on the developments happening with his organization.



The organization is currently in school field trip season, which is a busy time for staff and volunteers. The field trips emphasize creative learning and imagination, with hands-on activities and outdoor experiences at the Wesselman Woods and Howell Wetlands.



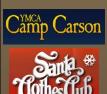
Dr. Foster also updated the club on the three-acre outdoor natural playscape. The playscape, as well as the new entrance to the preserve, was mostly funded through a \$1.6 capital campaign. The fenced-in, landscaped play area allows children play in an unstructured safe nature setting.

Some of the planned exhibits as a hollow tree play tunnel, and glass forest pond on the floor.

Ed Harrison Memorial **Golf Scramble** 

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Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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