



# “Optimist OPTICS”

*“Everything We Do is for the Kids”*

## This Week’s Program

May 9th, 2012  
**Mark Scoular**  
 Executive Director - Camp Carson

## Next Week’s Program

May 23rd, 2012  
 TBA



President, Todd Wahl brought the meeting to order at 12:03, an early start. Ron Eberhart did his usual, and very good invocation. We always appreciate the blessings, even though they are Irish at times.



Due to another commitment today’s speaker Tim Bickel, Detective for the Evansville Police Department, was first on the agenda. Identity theft is usually done by someone we know. Tim explained how to protect your identity the best you can, but he said that it is nearly impossible to keep from being a victim, if you are the target. There is a company, Lifelock Identity Theft Protection, which has services available. They will scan the credit bureaus every day or two to see if there is any unwanted activity. After a little checking, I found the fees for this service are \$10 and \$25 per month. You don’t get much for the \$10 fee. Scams are many, but the three he discussed were the lottery scam where you pay money up-front, the grandparent scam, and the home improvement scam. Grandparents will receive a call from a person pretending to be a grandchild saying they have a problem and need money wired to them. We should all know what the home improvement scam is about. Tim did say that most scams originate in Jamaica, and they get pretty elaborate. Tim closed and Todd took over.



There were no guests present today, but the returnees were Chris Gehlhausen, Tim Deisher, and Milton Norman. Welcome back guys.



Sunshine report by Don Julian was good and bad. Emily Baxter is doing much better and planned to attend today’s meeting, but her grandmother passed over the weekend and her funeral was at 11:30 a.m. today. We are sorry for your loss Emily, and hope to see you on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Dan Phillips said there would be a golf meeting at Kipplees next Thursday, May 3, at 11:45 a.m.
- Tim Deisher reminded everyone of the Grave Visitation on May 26, starting at BKD at 400 Crosspoint Blvd, at 8:00 a.m. (Notice time change from previous years)



Sarge, John Campbell, asked for conscience money, and received some from Milton Norman, Tim Deisher and Dan Phillips. Every wonder why they have a conscience?

Doc Bender had a medical minute today. Minute is a misnomer in the medical field. He cautioned about the ticks this year, because of the mild winter. Ticks carry viruses and bacteria which are very dangerous to humans. Lime disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever are the two diseases most prevalent in our area. A doctor will start treatment immediately, because waiting for confirmation may cause serious problems. Doc’s final comment, “BE WARNED”.



Sarge’s questions were supposed to be easier today. 1) What was the last Dracula movie called? A: Nosteratu. 2) What was the families name in Grapes of Wrath? A: Joad. 3) Who was the troubadour in Robin Hoods Merry Men? A. Will Scarlet. Sarge collected \$17 on those 3 questions. Buddy Prizes were won by Don Julian and Mark Hackert.



Thursday, April 26, 2012, four members, Ron Eberhart, Don Julian, Mark Hacker and Gary Burk, visited the West Side Optimist Club at their new meeting place, Schunck’s Westside. Rick Herdes, men’s basketball coach at USI was the speaker. It was good to see everyone again.

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