



Jeff Olson - President

# “Optimist OPTICS”

*"Helping Kids, Now and for the Future"*



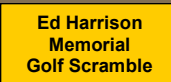
## Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

### This Week's Program

May 14th - Heather Williams  
IASF - Inspiring Autism Spectrum Families

### Next Week's Program

May 28th -  
TBA



Financial Support for:



President Jeff Olson brought the meeting to order at 12:10pm. Jeff called Sally Olson forward to lead us in the Invocation. We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag, followed by the Optimist Creed. Returnees included: Dan and Dan. Dan Korb and Dan Phillips, and...Mike Burk. Jeff called for the “Sunshine Report”. Don Julian had nothing to report. Tim Deisher did comment that he had talked with John Schuck recently and he was doing OK.

#### Announcements:

- Ron reported the USI Optimist Club had their last meeting of the semester last Wednesday evening and they had elected new officers. He reported they will resume their meeting after the summer break next Fall.
- Gary Burk reported that the Joshua Leaders Academy would be mentoring the 5<sup>th</sup> graders who will be moving up to the club next year when they become 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Gary also warned everyone that he would be selling their candy bars for \$1.00 at the next meeting... so bring some extra money.

**Medical Minute:** Dr. John Bender discussed Hepatitis A, B, and C. John was a doctor during the Korean war and contacted Hepatitis A. He was in bed for 2 months and it took a year for him to regain his strength. His point today was that there are vaccines for A and B. Just recently, a vaccine for “C” is now available. He suggested you talk to your doctor about get these vaccinations.

**Golf Gives Back** – Mark Hackert passed out a flyer about the United Leasing Championship golf tournament. He repeated several times that this is the “easiest money we could make for the club.” The \$35 fee to purchase the ticket goes back to our club. All we need to do is promote the event and tell everyone to buy their ticket on-line and select us as their charity. Ron also mentioned that he has the information and link on our website. He also said that he had put it on our Facebook Group and Facebook Page. He suggested that all members “share” this information with their FB friends.

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# **"Optimist OPTICS"- continued**



**Ed Harrison  
Memorial  
Golf Scramble**

Financial Support for:

**YMCA  
Camp Carson**



Mark Hackert introduced our speaker today, Sheila Seiler, Executive Director of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Sheila is a 24 year breast cancer survivor herself. She has been Executive Director for 16 years and loves her position. She explained that it is very rewarding as she helps people every day by getting them treatment or by giving them support and advice for their medical issue.

Our local affiliate was founded in 1998. During the past 16 years they have raised 12.2 million dollars. 75% of the money raised stays here in our community and the other \$25 goes to Dallas, TX for research. They have saved the lives of 666 women and 1 man. Last year they give out 261 grants totaling \$500,000 to 49 providers. There are over 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the US and the survival rate now is over 90 %.

The Race for the Cure this year moves back to Eastland Mall and the race returns to Sunday, by request. Eastland Mall is also planning special events to coincide with the race. It will be billed as the "Biggest Party of the Year". The race date is September 28<sup>th</sup>. Kids under 3 are free, 4-10 are \$15, and adults are \$25.

That's it for this week!! Be sure to call your Buddy, and invite a guest and we will see you Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Eberhart, April Newsletter Editor



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