



## **Optimist Newsletter Continued**

## Rich jokes:



Why is it a bad idea to iron your 4 leaf clover?
You shouldn't press your luck.
How does a penguin build a house?
egloos it together.
What is the difference between a well dressed man on a bicycle and a poorly dressed man on a tricycle?
One wheel
How much does it cost Santa to park his sled?
Nothing. It's on the house.

**Speaker:** Donna Grant from Holly's House was introduced by Beth Paul. Children from age 3-18 who are victims of abuse are served by Holly's House. Some children don't even realize they are being abused. Education is crucial. Twenty-six counties in Indiana have no prevention program in place. Serving 8 counties, 4 prevention educators from Holly's House go into

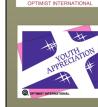




schools to speak to classrooms of K-6th grade children. All of these educators have teaching degrees plus training. If a child is hurt, Holly House can assess and interview the child. Even a 10 day therapy program is helpful. For victims of intimate crimes, parents are eager to sign their child up for therapy. If the child is embarrassed, questions can be asked on chrome. Two client investigators are MSWs with extra training. A total of 11 employees work at Holly's. Executive Director, Kristine Cordts, is working on getting medical personnel involved since a volunteer nurse practitioner left. It costs \$20 per child to educate them. There are no federal funds so they rely on fundraising. Galentine was a big fundraising success. Donna invited us to stop by for a tour of the facility.

Adjournment: 1:04pm Next meeting is May 14th with a new president.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Olson, Assistant Scribe





Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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