

**Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:45am**  
**Old National Bank Building, Downtown; Blue and Gold Room**  
**Mail Club at: P.O. Box 15905, Evansville, Indiana 47716 - 0905**  
**[www.evansvilledowntownoptimist.org](http://www.evansvilledowntownoptimist.org)**  
**Evansville Downtown Charitable Foundation, Inc.**

# ***"Optimist OPTICS"- continued***



**Ed Harrison  
Memorial  
Golf Scramble**

**Financial Support for:**

**YMCA  
Camp Carson**



President Olson said the ONB Golf Give Back Tickets are on sale until June 23rd. You may go on line at [www.ulcgolf.com/](http://www.ulcgolf.com/) to buy them.

Our club has joined the Southwestern IN Chamber of Commerce. A Welcoming Party is on Thursday, May 22nd from 4:30-6:30 PM at D-Patrick Downtown lot (corner of SE 6th & Walnut). It would be a good idea to RSVP

The club is in search of officers for next year. So far we have Mark Hackert as Secretary and Todd Wahl as Treasurer. Cheryl Graves and Shannon Perry have agreed to be on the board. Please consider an office for your club.

Dedication of the cabin at Camp Carson will be June 7 at 11 am with lunch afterwards. Please RSVP.

Grave Visitation will be May 24th. Everyone will meet at 7:30 am at BKD to start. After visitations everyone will meet at Golden Corral for breakfast. Outlying work can be done ahead of time to help locate graves. Gary Burk has volunteered as a driver.

Guest speaker today was introduced by Dan Phillips. Heather Williams, Executive Director of Inspiring Autism Spectrum Families (IASF) is also a realtor for F.C. Tucker and the mother of a 15 year old with autism. Heather stressed that autism includes a spectrum and varies from higher functioning Asperger syndrome to those who are completely closed in and nonverbal. The agency was formed 5 years ago and its goal is to help local families contend with this neurological disorder. There are support groups held once a month at the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center and a quarterly event call Family Fun Night. Their biggest fundraiser is a walk which began 3 years ago. Our mayor has proclaimed April 2nd as World Autism Day and April is National Autism Awareness Month. The agency is working on a voucher program for weighted vests and blankets which have a calming effect on the children. The incidence of autism is now 1 in 68.



President Olson announced that Brian Smith has resigned from the club and adjourned the meeting at 12:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Olson

**Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 11:45**  
**Old National Bank Building, Downtown; Blue and Gold Room**  
**Mail Club at: P.O. Box 15905, Evansville, Indiana 47716 - 0905**  
**[www.evansvilledowntownoptimist.org](http://www.evansvilledowntownoptimist.org)**  
**Evansville Downtown Charitable Foundation, Inc.**