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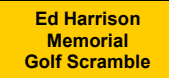
“Everything We Do is for the Kids”

This Week’s Program

June 8th, 2011
TBA

Next Week’s Program

June 15th, 2011
Sandy Strader-McMillen, Executive Director
Echo Community Health Center



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Ken Dennis rang the bell at 12:10 p.m.

The **Invocation/Pledge/Creed** was led by **Ron Eberhart**. It is always good to have a leader who can remember the words to everything.

Returns were **Ann Pendley, Emily Baxter and Don Julian**.

Guests: **Emily Baxter** introduced her guest, Gretchen Ross, former TV newscaster.

Sunshine: **Don Julian** was happy to report that he knew of no ill Optimists.

Announcements:

- **Ron Eberhart** said that our club will sponsor a hole at State Junior Golf Tournament. A hole sponsorship is \$200 for the highest level of sponsorship. The tournament will be held on June 16 – 17 at the Deer Creek golf course in Clayton, Indiana.
- **Gary Burk**, that is me, made an announcement that was incorrect. Following is the correct information. There is a postcard in this month's magazine, The Optimist, that should be filled out completely by all members who have email. Each card mailed to OI will be an opportunity for our club to receive \$500 for kids programs. OI wants your email so you will stay up to date on OI communication of important information.
- **Tim Deisher** thanked all who participated in the Grave Visitation.
- **Ron Eberhart** announced that the club's picnic will be postponed until further notice.
- **Dan Phillips** said that the 10th Annual Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at Eagle Valley Golf Course. All prices remain the same as last year.

Ron Eberhart was a stand-in Sarge today for **Cheryl Graves** who had an ill child. He started by charging everyone who did not attend the Grave Visitation. He put in the first dollar. No one answered his questions about 1921.

Buddy prizes were not given out today. Those who did call their buddy did not get them to the meeting.

Emily Baxter introduced today's speaker, Ken Reisling from the Untied Caring Shelter, located downtown. There are several levels of service; Day Shelter, Night Shelter, Transition Housing and White Flag Shelter.

The Day Shelter is open to anyone who thinks they need assistance. There are many services available; three meals a day, laundry, clothing, mail delivery, homeless veterans and medical services. They average 10,000 meals a month, which are prepared by volunteers.

The Night Shelter is for men only. There are 62 beds, and each man is required to take a breathalyzer, shower, drug screening and work at the shelter. The work consists of cleaning the shelter and helping where needed.

The Transition Housing is for men only. These men must be motivated to change their life style, look for a job, taught to cook and put 5% of their earnings in a savings account.

The White Flag Shelter is only operated in the winter months. The day shelter is converted to sleeping quarters during the cold winter nights. The shelter was open 63 nights this past winter.

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Other agencies say they turn 50-75 single women away every night.

The budget for the United Caring Shelter is around \$450,000 a year; HUD covers 22%, donations 40% and the remaining for government agencies.

You may tour the facility from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. this Saturday. The shelter is located at NW 6th and Ingle.

JOOI NOTE: Our Club will be honored at the Joshua Academy graduation on June 10, at 10:00 a.m., with the Blue Apple Award. This annual award is given to a person or organization who works with kids. Pam Decker, Executive Director asked me to invite the club members to their graduation. Please attend, if you can. It is great being around young people and to see their energy. These are our future leaders.

Bulletin Editor: Gary Burk



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