



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

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Jeff Olson - President

This Week's Program

June 11th - Wesselman Park Picnic

Next Week's Program

**June 25th -
TBA**

Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:



Call to order was at 12:09 by President Jeff Olson in the Blue & Gold room ONB.

Invocation was by Dan Korb.

Returning members were Dan Korb, Mike Burk, and Emily Baxter.

Sunshine report was given by Gary Burk filling in for Don Julian whose wife was ill.

Sargent At Arms Mike Burk conducted the drawing of the half pot which was won by Gary Burk who donated it to the club. Thank you Gary.

Mike stumped everyone with tornado trivia:

What year was the Petersburg, IN tornado? June 2, 1990

What is the highest reported wind speed of any tornado? 318 mph in 1999 in Oklahoma City EF5

Mike collected conscience money from several. Jeff Olson gave for Larry Lewis who is no longer in our club but visited graves with us.

Ron Eberhart reported that **USI** is out for the summer.

Gary Burk will speak on Leadership at **Joshua Academy** next Monday morning as requested by their principal, Pam Decker.

Grave Visitation over Memorial Day weekend was accomplished by Tim Deisher, Todd Wahl, Gary Burk, Karen Morris, Shannon Perry, Mike Burk, Dan Phillips, and Jeff Olson reported Jeff. Mike stated that I phones do not have the precision that a combination of photography and Google Earth will have for locating graves.

Jeff reported on:

ONB Golf Give Back-A club could buy up to \$1000 in tickets and even give them away and would get a large percentage back. This is something the club should consider.

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Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:45am

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“Optimist OPTICS”- continued



Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble

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YMCA
Camp Carson



Dedication at Camp Carson is Saturday, June 7. The ceremony is at 11 with lunch to follow. Deadline is June 1 to sign up. Please contact Mark Scoular or Jeff to reserve.

Wesselman Park Picnic is June 11th, our next meeting!! We will meet at noon at a shelter near the golf course. Helpers setting up will arrive at 11:00 am. Mike Burk has done a nice job of coordinating this on base camp. If you have not listed your food that you plan to bring, please go to base camp or let Mike know. Guests are welcome.

Respect for Law will be filled with no trouble. Karen Morris believes 6 students will sign up. It is the first full week of June.

Election of Officers-a slate has been sent to OI. No president has been designated so we will probably have a “Circle of Leadership” again. Cheryl Graves and Shannon Perry have agreed to be on board. There is a need for one more since 3 are leaving (Dan Phillips, Mike Burk, & Shaun Kingston.)

Fundraising event will be Tuesday, Aug. 19 at West side Hacienda. Ten percent of sales are given back to the club. Gift cards will qualify as a purchase.

Camp Carson meeting will be Wed., July 9th.

Guest speaker, Tim Etheridge, was introduced by Dan Phillips. Tim is an Evansville native whose newspaper career goes back 40 years when he was a paper carrier. He was mostly interested in sports news, but became editor of the Evansville Courier & Press in 2012. Our local paper launched its website 20 years ago. It has 4-5 videos per day, extra letters to the editor, and allows comments on stories. The website is constantly refreshed. A reader can go back to previous papers on line. Charging readers for online has helped the newspaper business. We can be optimistic about the newspaper. The Courier & Press reaches 2.5 million people in 1 week whether on smartphone, tablet, desktop, or print. Tim put the news into 4 categories: deadline, data, grassroots, and watchdog (looking out for what the government is doing).



Buddy prizes were awarded to Karen Morris & Emily Baxter who had called their buddies.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Olson

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