

"Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do
is for the Kids"*

This Week's Program

*June 16th, 2010
TBA*

Next Week's Program

*June 23rd, 2010
OPTIMIST PICNIC
WESSELMAN PARK -SEE YOU THERE!!!*

**Ron Eberhart
President**



**Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble**

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Our President Ron Eberhart, rang the meeting to order of the Downtown Optimist Club at 12:10. The invocation, pledge and creed were led by the lovely Emily Baxter.

Guests included Tracey Young, guest of Ann Pendley, and an Old National associate. Returnees included Emily Baxter, Cheryl Graves and Ann Pendley.

Don Julian reported on the Sunshine committee. Gary Burk could use a "cheer up" call. . .dualing docs can be frustrating.

President Ron announced that the picnic is two weeks away and sign-ups to help with the food will be at next week's meeting. Ron also passed around sign-up sheets for next year. If you are a current chair, be happy. . .your job description did not change :P

Shannon Marshall, will be making arrangements for our annual trek to Camp Carson.

Mark announced that there would be a foundation meeting on Monday, June 21, 2010 at 5:15 at his office on 404 E. Morgan for any interested in attending. Agenda will follow.

The Sarge scored on conscience money from several, including Doc Bender, who shared his medical moment. If you are a cat owner, know that 67% of the population are allergic to their dander. While there are a couple of breeds of cats that have a lower glycoprotein (Siberian or Russian cats), you can reduce your allergies by washing hands, keeping the cat out of key rooms, treating upholstery and investing in a good Hepa filter. Hypo allergenic cats. . .I bet those are cheap. All missed the trivia. Winner of both the half pot and buddy prize was our very one Dan Korb.

Dan then introduced guest speaker, Robert "Scott" Wylie. . .owner of Fire Fly. While many of us know Scott through his restaurant connections, he has spent over 20 years as a teacher/practitioner and lawyer specializing in pro bono efforts, nonprofit governance and poverty law. While those areas of expertise are usually his topic for speaking engagements, Scott entertained our group with tips on the restaurant business.

Pointers: for an independent restaurant, avoid dining on Fridays and Saturdays. As your food is prepared fresh and not a "boil in a bag", with larger crowds come larger waits. "Independents" have more control over their menus including being able to take advantage of fresh produce from local farmers and knowing what's in their food. . . sodium, gluten, etc. By dining locally, you have doubled the effect to the local economy than a chain. Further, a local establishment is three times more likely than national chains to support local causes. At this point, my hat is off to Scott and his partner, Josh Armstrong. An impressive 90% of their marketing budget is spent by supporting charitable events here in the Evansville market. Scott ended his presentation with an offer to tour the kitchen. I was waiting for praline samples.

That's a recap of our June 9th meeting. Until next week, make your Optimism known and bring a friend.

Optimistically yours,

Karen Morris

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