

## "Optimist OPTICS"

"Here's News 4 U - We Help Kids"



Mark Hackert - President

This Week's Program

**Next Week's Program** 

June 26th, 2013 TBD July 10th, 2013 TBD















Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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Dan Korb delivered a very succinct prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, and then the Optimist

**Guests today**: Todd Wahl invited for a second time, Michael Dickerson, Manager of the First Security Bank in Downtown Evansville as a guest. Michael also attended our picnic. He is considering joining our club. Another guest today was Larry Samples who was a member of the Westside Optimist Club. They have disbanded and Larry is looking at possibly joining our club. We would love to have ya!

**Returnees:** Karen Morris, Gary Burk, John Schuck, The two Dans – Korb and Phillips, and Prez. Mark Hackert. Welcome back!

**Sunshine Report:** From our own "Sunshiner"...and Mr. Lucky....Don Julian. He reported that Cheryl Graves is doing fine. Karen Morris also gave a more detailed update. She is home after having surgery and doing fine. Don passed around a get-well card for our signatures. He also mentioned that Sally Olson is well and back at today's meeting. Don also related an incident with a "balding" tire. It seems the steel belt was showing a little on the outside, which caused a "shimmy". I have the same problem with my waistline.

**Announcements:** Prez Mark recapped our last board meeting and reminded everyone of the next **board meeting**; next Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Blue and Gold Room at ONB. He also updated us on the **Foundation Board meeting** regarding giving smaller grants to numerous organizations. No changes there on how we disperse, but we are reviewing our dispersements of the Engle Foundation grants and to consider making a larger donation to Camp Carson to help fund a new cabin.

Mark read the slate of new officers, to be voted on at the next meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

President: Jeff Olson
Vice President: Michael Burk
Secretary: Ron Eberhart
Treasurer: Todd Wahl
Sarge at Arms: Shaun Kingston.

New Director: Tim Deisher. Two additional members will be added. Mark is considering a member from the Westside Club should they join our club. Mark also announced that he will be the Lt. Governor for Zone 8 to be effective October 1, 2013.

Mark also saluted our own, Karen Morris, who raised \$5000 for the St. Vincent Day Care Center during their fund raising event, Dancing with the Stars, with her dance, the Cha Cha. She refused a demonstration for us. He also reminded members that if you need help for another organization for fund raising, be sure to take advantage of our club members by sending them the information. We are all in this together!!

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Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown, Inc.

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

"New" Old National Bank Building, Downtown, Blue and Gold Room
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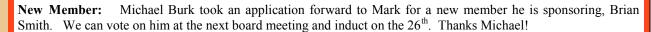
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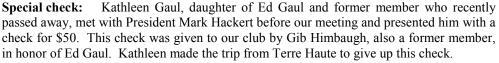








**Camp Carson:** Mark is contacting Mark Schoular, Camp Director and member, to set a date for our visit. He is targeting Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> for this annual trek. Our Prez. will also be sending out a monetary solicitation letter very soon.



Sarge At Arms: Todd Wahl was pinch hitting for John Campbell, MIA. There were numerous members who came forward with "conscience" money. A couple to note: Mark Hackert's wife birthday and also, Todd Wahl's birthday on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Speaking of Todd, he struck out with his two trivia questions as the group today had an extra dose of "smarts". Buddy Prizes were won by Ron Eberhart and Karen Morris, courtesy of Dan Korb. And, the Half-Pot was won by Dan Korb who donated his winnings back to the club.



Mark Hackert introduced our speaker today in absence of Emily Baxter. Emily Reidford is the Executive Director of Mental Health America of Vanderburgh Co. She attended Indiana University and has been in this position for several years.



The office is located in Downtown Evansville and Emily comprises the entire staff. The mission of Mental Health America of Vanderburgh County is to educate the community about mental health issues and to promote mental health through awareness, advocacy, and service.

They are an affiliate of National Mental Health America and one of more than 40 affiliates located throughout Indiana and 340 nationwide. Locally they were founded in 1954 and began reaching out to the patients at the Evansville State Hospital.

Mental Health America is a respected leader in mental health issues. It is a nonprofit organization committed to improving the quality of life for the mentally ill through education, volunteerism, support services, and advocacy. Mental Health America Vanderburgh County is a broad-based group of volunteers and professionals working together to:

- Promote the mental health of all citizens of Vanderburgh County and surrounding counties through educational programs.
- Increase public understanding and acceptance of persons with mental illness.
- Foster the delivery of the most appropriate and effective services to all individuals in need.
- Initiate reform of the mental health service system through advocacy and public policy.
- Ensure that mental health needs are properly met by providing information and referral to the appropriate

That's it for this week. Invite a guest and come to our meeting on the 26th.

Ron Eberhart, June Newsletter Editor

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