

"Optimist OPTICS"



Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:

YMCA
Camp Carson



New Member: Michael Burk took an application forward to Mark for a new member he is sponsoring, Brian Smith. We can vote on him at the next board meeting and induct on the 26th. Thanks Michael!

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



Special check: Kathleen Gaul, daughter of Ed Gaul and former member who recently passed away, met with President Mark Hackert before our meeting and presented him with a check for \$50. This check was given to our club by Gib Himbaugh, also a former member, in honor of Ed Gaul. Kathleen made the trip from Terre Haute to give up this check.

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 13th. 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 sources.

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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