

"Optimist OPTICS"

"Helping Kids, Now and for the Future"



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

July 8th—Camp Carson

July 22nd—TBA



CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:13 pm by Don Julian who then led the Pledge of Allegiance, gave an invocation, and led the reading of the Optimist Creed.

Guests were Christian Burch, Mike Pitts, Elizabeth Long, Kenesha Evans, Joseph Lutz, Martha Julian, and Don Perra, President of the Santa Claus Optimist Club.



SUNSHINE REPORT

Bill Simmons reported trying to arrange a meeting with Gary Burk. Bill then read a note of thanks from Dan Korb's wife.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Don said the board meeting was yesterday and the minutes and financial report were submitted and approved.

Pamphlets are available for new members.



IMPORTANT DATES

JULY 3RD

Tim Deisher's boat will depart Evansville at 3:30 pm, view the fireworks in Newburgh as well as a boat parade and return approximately 11 pm to Evansville. Costs are \$25 per person or \$50 per couple. There are 2 places left so contact Tim if interested. All proceeds go to the Optimist Club.



• JULY 8TH CAMP CARSON set for 11:30am. Members will be contacted by email with more details.

AUGUST 15TH & 16TH DISTRICT CONVENTION HERE IN EVANSVILLE

Mike Burk is seeking the person in charge of hospitality. Our club may be donating cookies or snacks and we may need volunteers for the Hospitality Room.



Will be at Tim Deisher's home. Look for future announcements.

SEPTEMBER 16TH GOLF OUTING

Dan Phillips brought flyers for members to take & distribute to friends. More are available at his office.



Memorial Golf Scramble

Ed Harrison

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SERGEANT AT ARMS

The half pot was won by Tim Deisher who donated it to the club.

Mike Burk asked members to put money in the basket instead of collecting conscience money. Wearing a nice, narrow, retro Optimist tie, Mike entertained members with a collection of Optimist items that he and his dad, Gary, had discovered in the home. Included were such items as an Optimist license plate with "friend of the boy" on it, a gold book celebrating 1/2 of a century, a Dec. 1955 black and white photo of optimist members, a book inducting new members where they performed skits, and Optimist Optics, a baseball team sponsored by Downtown Optimist Club, and a fragile photo of the 1921 original Optimist members!

Karen Morris raised the idea of contributing items to a museum for safe keeping.

GUEST SPEAKER

Matt Rowe, Director of the Reitz Home Museum and also Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission spoke on the architecture of homes in the area bordered by Riverside to Third St. and Walnut to Adams. Since 1974, preservation ordinances were set in the refurbishing of these houses. Permission must be secured so that the historic character is preserved.

The Reitz Home is an example of French Second Empire with the Mansard roof named for Francois Mansard and allowing inhabitants to stand up in it. Quoins (pronounced coins) are normally placed on corners to lend stability & support, but it is only decorative on the Reitz home. There are several other homes with the Mansard roof, but sometimes it is not too apparent.

Italianate styles with low pitched roofs preceded the French Second Empire. Several homes fit that category.

Queen Anne architecture is exotic with facades that are asymmetrical Round features are found on porches or spindles.

The Prairie style was created by Frank Lloyd Wright but he did not design Benjamin Bosse's home. It has geometric designs built into glass and a lot of bronze.

Matt concluded that he hoped we can now recognize different styles.

ADJOURNMENT

Don Julian adjourned the meeting at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Olson

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