

"Optimist OPTICS"- continued



**Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble**

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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

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 11:45
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