



"Optimist OPTICS"



"Helping Kids, Now and for the Future"

John Perkins - President

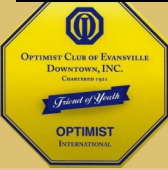
Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

This Week's Program

July 25th - Angela Watson
"Mothers at War" Founder

Next Week's Program

August 8th -
TBA



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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Pres John Perkins called the meeting to order at 12:21 p.m. Once again, John gave us another inspirational invocation.

Jeff Olsen led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ken Dennis led us in the creed.

John introduced a guest today, Lana Baker. Lana was president of the Club in 1996-1997. There was a NOW meeting held at St. Mary's Church on Cherry Street, and Lana holds the record for the most members who joined at a NOW meeting. A rough recall is that there were between 23 and 27 members that joined that year.

After reviewing the proposal from Acropolis, it was decided that NOW meeting should be held there on August 22, 2018, at noon. More info to follow.

Don't forget the Camp Carson outing next Wednesday, July 18. If you need a ride, call Gary Burk at (812) 499-3045 to make arrangements.

John also announced that the Indiana State Lt. Governor, Suzanne Crouch, will be speaking at the East Side Optimist Club at the Golden Corral. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. He encouraged a good attendance from our Club. Anytime we visit another club and we have three or more members, it is considered a Club Visitation by OI, and we get some type of credit for each visitation.

Sergeant was Mike Burk today. He passed around the conscience money pot, and there were several who donated to the club.

Then, he had the half pot drawing, and Buzz Brazil would have the recipient of around five weeks half pot had he been in attendance. The pot is growing.

Dan Phillips said that the golf scramble still needs donations of gifts, prizes and sponsors. Put it on your calendar for September 19.

Today's speaker was Mike Burk educating us on how the Smart Grid works as opposed to the Dumb Grid.

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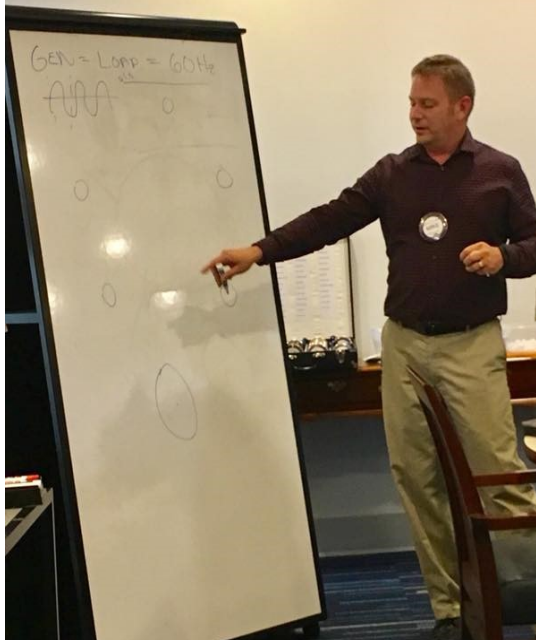
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The discussion was focused on how things use to be (dumb grid) and how things have evolved, and continue to evolve to form a "Smart Grid". He stated data from various electric stations is sent back to control centers for view and those control centers has control of various pieces of equipment in those remote stations. Lines with issues (faults) can be isolated and service to customers can be restored automatically (self-healing). In his opinion, the largest threat to the national grid is caused by solar storms and briefly described the effects on the Earth and its power infrastructure. He finished by describing the possibilities of automatic meter reading, which is much more than just reading the meter.

There was a number of other points to be made regarding the Smart Grid, but time was a factor. Maybe Mike could do another program at a later date.

It was a great meeting and really good to see Lana Baker again.

Call your Buddy!

July newsletter editor, Gary Burk.



Past President, Lana Baker

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