

"Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do
is for the Kids"*

This Week's Program

July 28th, 2010

*Ryan Val - Slide Presentation
Evansville IceMen Hockey Team*

Next Week's Program

Aug 4th, 2010

*Dr. Linda Bennett, President
University of Southern Indiana*

**Ron Eberhart
President**



**Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble**

Financial Support for:

**YMCA
Camp Carson**



It was back to the Blue and Gold room at the ONB for our July 21st Meeting. Prez Ron started the meeting a little earlier than normal to give more time to our speaker, Harold Morgan. Most were returnees as last week's meeting was at Camp Carson. It was great to see Jerri Manino again. Jerri has submitted her application to rejoin our club.

Gary Burk led the group in an invocation, Pledge to Our Flag, and the Optimist Creed. Don Julian, Sunshine Chairman was MIA. Don't know if Don is sick or on vacation. Rumor had it he showed up last week at the Blue and Gold Room for our meeting when it was being held at Camp Carson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dan Phillips: Golf Scramble will be Wednesday, September 15th at Eagle Valley Golf Course. Another meeting coming soon. Information including registration forms for sponsors are available on our website, www.evansvilledowntownoptimist.org

Prez Ron recapped the trip to Camp Carson as the club presented them a check for \$2300. Mark Hackert put in a plug for our foundation reminding members to include that in your estate planning. Several members have made large contributions which has allowed our club to present several thousand dollars in grants and scholarships every year. \$1000 that went to Camp Carson was from our foundation given as a matching grant to \$1000 given by members. Donations are still being accepted.

Half-pot went to Ken Dennis who donated the money back to the club. Thanks Ken!!!

We dispensed with the Sarg today to allow more time for our speaker, Harold Morgan. Gary Burk introduced our speaker. Harold gave his own brief biography having worked over 30 years in Kentucky, retiring in Evansville. He has written several books on Evansville and the Tri-State's history and their contribution to World War II.

As Harold told us, everyone was behind WWII. Everybody supported the "boys and girls" in the armed service. People were doing with less; using less, buying less so the materials could be used for the war effort.

He went through a presentation of many pictures of Evansville and the area...including Camp Breckenridge in Kentucky. It housed several thousand soldiers during the war and cost \$132 million to build.

The plants in Evansville the made war parts or equipment were. Chrysler, Servel, Hoosier Cardinal, Sunbeam, International Steel, Republic Aviation, and Briggs. Over 20,000 worked at the Evansville Shipyard where the LST's were built. Over 30,000 worked in aircraft factories such as Republic Aviation where the P47 airplanes were built.

Women played a major role, too as they were "riveters" at the aviation plants.

Evansville was the hub for weekend activities as over 15,000 service men would come in to town on Friday night looking for a little "R and R". They were welcomed at the USO and by the Salvation Army.

It was a great program.

Be sure to come next week, and invite a guest.
Ron Eberhart, July Bulletin Editor.

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown, Inc.

Meetings: 11:45 am Wednesday,

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

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