

# "Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do  
is for the Kids"*

## This Week's Program

**Aug 4th, 2010**

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

## Next Week's Program

**Aug 11th, 2010**

*Becky Kasha—Chairperson  
Evansville Vand. Co. Reorganization Committee*



**Ed Harrison  
Memorial  
Golf Scramble**

Financial Support for:

**YMCA  
Camp Carson**



It was a sunny day turned rainy....but it there was plenty of sunshine and optimism at our meeting this week. Prez. Ron brought the meeting to order, so to speak, at 12:10pm, and introduced Gary Burk who led us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance to our Flag and Optimist Creed.

*Returnee's included:* Bill Simmons, Chris Gehlhausen, and Don Julian.

*No Sunshine Report* from Don Julian as all members are in good health, so to speak.

### Announcements:

- Letter from Nikki Yandell. She apologized from missing the weekly meetings but do to her new promotion is unable to get away to attend. She wanted everyone to know that she is available to help on other activities and is still as "optimist".

Sarge Roger was able to collect so conscience money from Ron Eberhart and Gary Burk. Also, more money rolled in with the Trivia Questions.

*Buddy prizes* went to Ken Dennis and Gary Burk. And, Lucky Ken also won the half-pot of \$5 which he donated back to the club. Thanks Ken. I take back everything I have said bad about you.

Gary Burk introduced our speaker, Brian Vaal, who works for Ellis Park as Director of Business Development but also in associated with the Evansville IceMen Hockey team. They have been hockey team for 7 seasons in Evansville. If you recall, they won the "A" level tournament in April, the Davison Cup, and were crown champions of the AAHL league.

Good News!! They are moving up to "AA" status in the Central Hockey League which means they will have more talented players. They will have a minimum of 4 that have NHL playing experience.

They sold out all games last year with over 26,000 people attended their 24 games. This year as an "AA" team they will have 33 home games. 30 in Evansville and 3 in Ft. Wayne. Players ages range from 18 to 37 with a roster of 22 players, and 2 on reserve. They anxiously await the completion of our new downtown arena so they will be able to accommodate more of their fans.

Their season starts October 23<sup>rd</sup> and continues through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Single admission tickets are \$8. They also are involved with several community projects to help kids. They help fund Harwood Middle School to teach the kids how to play hockey.

Be sure to invite a guest next week to see Dr. Linda Bennett, President of U. S. I. We want a good attendance. Make a special effort to come.

That's it for this week, and month.

-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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