

"Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do
is for the Kids"*

This Week's Program

Aug 11th, 2010

Becky Kasha—Chairperson

Evansville Vand. Co. Reorganization Committee

Next Week's Program

Aug 18th, 2010

*Steve Schaefer - Executive Director
Voices for I-69*

**Ron Eberhart
President**



**Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble**

Financial Support for:

**YMCA
Camp Carson**



Prez. Ron brought the meeting to order and introduced Tim Deisher who led us in the invocation, pledge of allegiance to our Flag and Optimist Creed.

Returnees included Mark Hackert (returning from Nebraska), Larry Lewis, Shannon Marshall, Karen Morris, Bob Shetler and Emily Baxter. Guests included Larry Neison, Lieutenant Governor, Optimist Club – Zone 10 and Vicki Simmons, a guest of Karen Morris. Good to have our guests with us.

Don Julian reported that he was not aware of any Optimist Club members who are ill. Great report!

Announcements:

- Dan Phillips reported on the Optimist Club Foundation Annual Golf Outing – September 15 – we are needing more hole sponsors and players
- Roger Heathcotte reported on Tri-Star Soccer
- Mark Hackert made note of the August 31 deadline for our Foundation requests

Buddy prize went to Dan Phillips who contributed the money back to the club. Thanks Dan!!

Sergeant of Arms, Roger Heathcotte collected consensus money from several members.

Tim Deisher introduced our speaker, Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett, President of University of Southern Indiana. Dr. Bennett is the third president of USI – taking office July 1, 2009. Dr. Bennett began her talk admitting she's a school nerd!! She loves school and education. We were all entertained by her enthusiasm for USI and much was learned of the happenings at our University. The enrollment last fall was at 10,400 students. They anticipate an increased enrollment this fall. The students come from all Indiana counties except one; from 44 states in the U.S. and 62 countries around the world. 30 percent of students live on campus. Campus housing and parking expansion are needed.

USI and Colorado State University were selected to host visiting Iraqi students which has been well received – both by education of those involved at USI as well as the Iraqi students. Dr. Bennett spoke of the University's international relationship with Osnabruck, Germany. The University also is in its 5th year in the Leadership Program – Connect with Southern Indiana. It's a program intended to strengthen critical thinking and promoting active citizenship. It includes residents from 9 southwest Indiana counties. Dr. Bennett conveyed her pride in USI athletes including the USI Screaming Eagles – NCAA II National Champions! She made note the average GPA of the athletes is 3.0.

-- Tim Deisher, August Bulletin Editor

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown, Inc.

Meetings: 11:45 am Wednesday,

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