

"Optimist OPTICS"- continued



Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble

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It was another very special day as we inducted **Jason Rucker** and **Joshua Paulson**. Both members were sponsored by Dan Phillips. Thanks Dan for your effort.

Jason works at HOPE of Evansville. Joshua owns his own independent insurance agency. President-Elect John Perkins inducted both of the new members. We welcome them to our family and know they will be a valuable asset to our club.

Our Sarg today was Ron Eberhart. He used trivia questions about the Olympics. There were correct answers to both questions. No money collected except from Ron for having a wrong answer to the total number of metals that Michael Phelps had won. Also, Conscience money was collected from Ron Eberhart, and Jeff Olson. Others giving were Dan Phillips, Karen Morris, and Ken Dennis. Karen Morris won the "half-pot" and donated the money back to the club. Thanks Karen!

Our speaker today was courtesy of Ron Eberhart. Emily Baxter introduced her friend, Gina Gibson, Executive Director of the Evansville Christian Life Center. Gina is married, and lived many years on Evansville's Westside and recently moved to the Northside. She has been Executive Director for 10 years. ECLC works to help those moving from "need" to "potential" as they follow a 3-step path to restoration Relief, Resource, and Release. They partner with over 150 organizations to help people in our community.



Some stats include: 29,000 people served and 341,000 services provided last year. 300 volunteers; 10 full-time staff with 15 part-time staff. A \$1,000,000 budget helps people in a four counties: Vanderburgh, Posey, Warrick, and Gibson.

They just acquired the Impact Christian Health Center and have renamed it to Evansville Christian Health Clinic. One of their primary focuses is to help pregnant women and pre-natal care to help lower the infant death rate in the Evansville area. They also have a clothing bank which sells items for 25 cents; a food bank which is evolving into a food co-op in September.

More information is available at: restoringpeople.com

Ken Dennis presented Gina with a framed certificate of appreciation and the official optimist pen.

Ron Eberhart, August Newsletter Writer

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