

## This Week's Program

Announcements:

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Next Week's Program

new land-based gaming casino will be completed.

sponsoring him in this tournament. Thank you Melanie



Ken Dennis, Circle of Leader for August, greeted the membership and guests. Ken then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. Jeff Olson presented the invocation, and the Optimist Creed. Jason Rucker and Joshua Paulson, new members to be inducted, were guests, and Ken Dennis' son, Doug, was visiting from Cincinnati.

Indiana South District Convention: Ron Eberhart updated the group about the convention held last week at the Tropicana. He thanked Karen Morris for her double-chocolate cake, and helpers at the reservation table; Mike Burk (who also brought his dad's cookies) and Ken Dennis. Ron announced that the convention next year will NOT be in Evansville, but Indianapolis. He thought that they would want to come back in a couple of years when the

Peyton Blackard Golf Update: Ron updated the group by reading an email from Peyton's

"We had a wonderful trip to West Palm Beach, FL. The Optimist International Golf

Tournament was a wonderful experience for Peyton. He finished tied for 25th out of 55 in the 10-11 yr old division, 2nd out of 10 year olds and 1st from IN in the 10-11 division. He shout an 83, 79, and 78. He played 5700 yards which was very long for him. We were all very pleased with his play. He had the opportunity to play with boys from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Canada, and US. Thank you again for











Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble **Golf Scramble:** Dan Phillips, Chairman, reminded members of the annual golf scramble at Eagle Valley on September 14<sup>th</sup>. This will take the place of our first meeting in September

Medical Minute – Our own in-house doctor, John Bender, talked today about Immunologists who specialize in antibiotics and vaccinations. He believes that one day there could be an immunization for cancer. Great strides in medicine have been made in the last several years in immunology.



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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



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