

"Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do
is for the Kids"*

This Week's Program

Aug 25th, 2010
Thomas A Kazee - President
University of Evansville

Next Week's Program

Sept 1st, 2010
Robin Sanders
Brentwood Meadows

Ron Eberhart
President



Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:

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Camp Carson



Prez. Ron called 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 Karen Morris, Rick Roop, Chris Gehlhausen, Cheryl Graves, Emily Baxter and Dan Phillips.

Sunshine Don Julian was on vacation today. There were no report of illness known amongst members.

Announcements:

- Board meeting was at Ri Ra Irish Pub Tuesday, August 17. Ron reported the Board is working on recruiting a president. Gary Burk offered an alternative of having past presidents take a month or two as acting president given there's been no one step forward to accept the president position.
- Ron reported on a suggestion made at the board meeting – a fundraiser via the business – Piece of Cake. Members who make purchases at the business, the Club would receive \$2. More information will come.
- Dan Phillips reminded us of the Optimist Club Foundation Annual Golf Outing – September 15. There will be no noon regular meeting this week given the golf outing is on a Wednesday.

Buddy prize fines were paid by Mark Hackert, Ken Dennis, and Dan Phillips. Karen Morris and Bob Levi were the big winners since Karen had called her buddy, Bob and he was in attendance! Gary Burk won the half pot which he donated back to the Club. Thanks Gary!

Acting Sergeant of Arms, Cheryl Graves (Roger was out on business) collected consensus money from several members including our own medical moment Doc Bender (topic was sleep apnea).

Tim Deisher introduced our speaker, Steve Schaefer, Vice-President of Public Policy for Southwest Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director of Hoosier Voices for I-69. As Executive Director of the state-wide coalition, he talked about the progress of I-69 which is the top priority for the local Chamber of Commerce. At completion it will be 142 mile interstate to Indianapolis. He indicated Governor Daniels timeline will have the highway complete to Bloomington by 2012. There are 2 miles already complete. The summer of 2011, K-69 will be the largest road project in the U.S. with 5,000 workers. Section 4 which is the portion closest to Bloomington is the most controversial.

There is one issue to be resolved which is the bridge over the Ohio River. Studies have been done for the bridge but the hold up is funding. The bridge project will cost over \$1 billion. It will require participation with Kentucky as well as federal funding. The timeline for the highway was advanced greatly as a result of Major Moves. Thanks to Steve for giving of his time to lead the effort as well as sharing the progress with the Club.

-- Tim Deisher, August Bulletin Editor

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown, Inc.

Meetings: 11:45 am Wednesday,

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