



"Optimist OPTICS"

*"Helping Kids, Now and
for the Future"*



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Jeff Olson - President

This Week's Program

Aug 27th – Carol Braden Clarke
United Way

Next Week's Program

Sept 10th – TBD



Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:

YMCA
Camp Carson



First time back to the meeting and I was late!! Plus, I am taking the minutes for a missing Shannon Perry. Sorry Shannon!! Meeting brought to order at approximately 12:10 by Shaun Kingston. Bill Simmons had an absolutely beautiful prayer. After the pledges, Bill gave the Sunshine Report and sent around a get well card for everyone to sign for John Schuck. Mike Burk also let the group know that Gary is having some back issues and that is why he was missing in action today.

Mark Hackert brought a guest as well as the speaker today! I think I was the only returnee (glad to be back). Shaun gave us two secret weapons to help us with our Optimism. The first is to smile when you are angry because it will make you laugh. The second is to memorize optimistic quotes. Good advice!

Shaun passed around a copy of the letter from Governor Frank Fowler. I will attach a copy to the e-mail.

Next up was Sgt. Of Arms, Mike Burk. Conscience money was collected from Mike Burk, Dan Phillips, Dr. Bender, Tim Deisher, Ken Dennis, Mark Hackert, Ron Eberhart and Shaun Kingston. Mike had 2 stumper questions missed by all - where was the first professional baseball game played (Ft. Wayne) and where was Larry Byrd born (West Bayden). Half pot was won by Ron Eberhart, who graciously donated it back to the club.

Buddy prizes were donated by Shaun and won by Mark Hackert who in turn gave them to his guest and the speaker.

Announcements

- Don't forget to sell those golf tickets to raise money for the club! Mark Hackert has all the details if you missed it.
- The Camp Carson cabin is built—named Aztec. The club will still match the next \$150 in donations.
- The golf scramble is coming up quickly on September 17th!! Dan Phillips has flyers with information if you need some. He is requesting sponsors, prizes and GOLFERS!!!
- Mark Hackert mailed out the request for funds applications. However, if you know of a need, please get with Mark and he can get you the information needed.
- Ron Eberhart reminded everyone that Hacienda Gives Back to Downtown Optimist Club is next week Tuesday, August 19th. Please remember to use those tokens as 20% of your bill will be donated to the Club!
- Last, but not least, next meeting on August 27th will be in the Sun Room.

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Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:45am

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“Optimist OPTICS”- continued

Guest Speaker-Greg Gibson

Greg Gibson is the Director of the Henderson Area Arts Alliance. He is originally from Henderson, but after a 20 year stint outside the tri-state area, he returned. He has degrees in Business and Art Design. During his ventures, he worked for Disney for 12 years. He also launched Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Henderson when he returned. He has a passion for kids and art. He put the two together with the artwork and design of the St Mary's Children's Center.

Greg asks “why art?” Research says there are economic benefits, art improves children's school grades, and art is present in many areas of our personal lives.

Greg also asked “why is art important?” Art builds communities, takes you around the globe, makes living more enjoyable, and helps us slow down and unplug from our hectic daily lives.

The Henderson Area Arts Alliance is a non-profit that promotes the arts, funds and supports 5 other organizations, and visits local schools.

A copy of their 2014-2015 season line-up is attached.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58.

Minutes by Cheryl Graves



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