

"Optimist OPTICS"

"Everything <u>We Do is for the Kids"</u>

This Week's Program

Sept 7th, 2011 **Rick Stein** USI Women's Basketball Head Coach **Next Week's Program**

Sept 14th, 2011 **NO MEETING!!** Golf Outing @ Eagle Valley Golf Course













Ed Harrison Memorial

Golf Scramble

"Mr. everything" Eberhart opened the meeting at 12:12, gave a scripturally based Invocation, and led us in the Pledge and the creed!

Returnees were Cheryl Graves, Emily Baxter, and Ye Ed. New member Sara Olson, along with husband Jeff, hopefully a new member, and new member Milton Norman were in attendance! Way to go, new members! So glad to see all of you! The aforementioned new members, as well as Patrick Pittman, will be inducted September 21st.

Don Julian, Sunshine Chairman, plead guilty to not following up on our ailing Optimists, as he had been out of town for two weeks and was trying to dig his way out of accumulated responsibilities. The good news was that Dan Korb was present and reportedly was present last week as well! Other than an ongoing battle with medications, he seems to be headed in the right direction with his health issues! Gary Burk was also in attendance, looking good and admits to be doing well! Best wishes to both for continued progress with any remaining health issues!!!

Announcements:

- Ken Dennis announced that the Changing Of the Guard program will occur on September 28 at the Kennel Club. The menu will include the choice of Salmon or Flat Iron Steak with all the trimmings, and ice cream for desert. Cost to be determined. There will be a cash bar as well. John Campbell asked that you not be deterred from attending because he will be the MC for the evening! I, for one, will look forward to it!!
- Dan Phillips announced that the annual Golf Outing is drawing near [September 14] 11 AM, Eagle Valley Golf Course. Brentwood Meadows is partnering in our Outing to the tune of \$500, and that Cortegra has donated \$1000 to the cause, [thanks, Todd!]. John Campbell has also donated, and the Donaldson Group [our Foundation fund managers] will be a hole sponsor! Dan is still looking for more hole sponsors and PLAYERS!!! It's a great, fun time for all participants, so try to shake away and enjoy a great day on the links with your Optimist [and other] friends!!
- **REMINDER!** Mark your calendars to show that there will be **NO MEETINGS at ONB on** 9/14 or 9/28!!!

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown, Inc.

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Mark and Doc and Bob Levi came up with conscience money for happenings I was unable to catch! Sorry 'bout that, but thanks!!

Doc presented excellent information in his Medical Minute concerning Achilles Heel injuries. They can be caused by over use, actual injury, etc. If the tendon is torn it will almost certainly require surgical repair.

Believe it or not, Ye Ed won the half pot, which was returned to the Club. Sarg Cheryl asked questions about Labor Day. It was initiated by a Pullman Strike! It was first celebrated as a holiday in 1882; the Haymarket Massacre occurred in Chicago; and the first Labor Federation was formed in 1886. Interesting stuff, Cheryl!









Buddy prizes were won by Mark [who provided them] and Dan.

Because of a work conflict, our speaker for the day had to cancel, so the ever resourceful Circle of Leaders Prez, Ron Eberhart, utilized the time to initiate discussion about a question concerning our meetings. The issue had been raised several times in the past about the need for a weekly meeting. Much thoughtful discussion followed. Many items were discussed, including what effect going to twice a month meeting might impact upon recruiting, and how it might affect attendance. It seems to have been a possible road block for prospective new members. Two meetings a month may appeal to some prospects and some members. It would not adversely affect our use of the ONB Blue & Gold Room as long as proper notices were given as to when we would & would not be meeting. It could make it easier to schedule speakers. We could develop an "Annual Events" schedule, which could help with scheduling. New officers would not have to make such a stringent commitment. Committees would have half of the requirements.

It was decided to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays beginning with October, [coinciding with our fiscal year] through the end of 2011. We will review the success or lack thereof, and it will be determined that we should continue with it, or make other adjustments that might be indicated. All of this without affecting our Mission of HELPING KIDS!!!! More info will be provide as needed!



YE ED, Don Julian



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