

"Optimist OPTICS"- continued



Ed Harrison
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Our Sarg today was Michael Burk. He asked trivia questions. Ron Eberhart used his iPhone and Siri to get the answer; was disqualified and had to pay \$1.00. :(The second question for the other tables was very easy. The first person to fly the Atlantic. They did not have to pay. No buddy prizes today. Returnees included: Don Julian, Bob Shetler, and Kristen Donahue. Great to see them back at the meeting.

Jeff Olson won the "half-pot" and donated the money back to the club. Thanks Jeff!

Our speaker today was courtesy of Don Julian. We had two beautiful ladies from The Parenting Time Center. Susan Sauls, and founder, Kathryn Kornbloom. Both were old friends of Don who worked with him several years ago.



Susan spoke first about the organization and gave us some background and information. The organization was formed 7 years ago to help meet a need in our community. Kathryn, an attorney, saw many cases of families in conflict that affected the children. From child abuse, to divorce, to addiction, and even children of military parents. She saw how the children were the ones that suffered most. Her idea was to provide a safe place for kids and parents to connect and interact in a safe environment. The Parent Time Center is well monitored with cameras and personnel as a parent comes to the facility to interact with their child.

Some statistics: They served over 288 parents and 207 children last year. They serve a 9-county area around Evansville. They provided 6619 hours of service last year. Currently they are helping 50 families and have 12 on a waiting list. They have 14 Social Works and most have their Masters Degree. They charge a \$25 fee but extend free services to those who cannot pay.

Several counties want Kathryn to expand their organization into their area. As she stated, it takes money. More information is available at: www.parentingtimecenter.org

Ken Dennis, (left) who was acting, President presented a certificate of appreciation to both ladies along with the official Downtown Optimist Pen. Don Julian, third from left.



That's it for now.
See ya at the Golf Scramble on the 14th.

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