

# "Optimist OPTICS"

"Helping Kids, Now and for the Future"



### Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

#### This Week's Program

**Next Week's Program** 

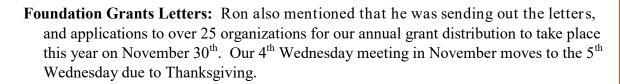
Sept 14th— GOLF SCRAMBLE Sept 21st— TBA



Ken Dennis, Circle of Leader for August, greeted the membership and guests and started the meeting at 12:12pm. Jeff Olson presented the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, and the Optimist Creed.

#### **Announcements:**

**New Members:** Ron Eberhart presented wrist bands from the District to Cheryl Graves for bringing in one new member. Ron also gave Dan Phillips 4 bands for his 4 new members. Thanks to both for these new members. We greatly appreciate it.



**Golf Scramble:** Dan Phillips, Chairman, reminded members of the annual golf scramble at Eagle Valley on September 14<sup>th</sup>. He said that we have about 12-14 golf teams participating. He also mentioned that St. Mary's Medical Center is again our main sponsor courtesy of Dr. Bender. All members are invited to come even if they are not golfing. Lunch is at 11am. This will take the place of our first meeting in September.

**Sign-up Sheets:** Dan Phillips passed around sign-up sheets for the upcoming golf scramble and the picnic on October 12<sup>th</sup> at Wesselman's Park, Shelter House across from the golf course. BBQ will be provided and members will bring a salad/dessert. Donations will be accepted to help pay for the meat.

**September 21 Meeting** - Several board members discussed adding this meeting to our schedule due to not having a regular meeting in September other than the Changing of the Guard on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We have several activities upcoming and thought it would be helpful to meet need commitments.









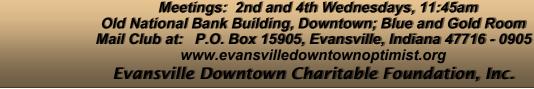


Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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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: <a href="https://www.parentingtimecenter.org">www.parentingtimecenter.org</a>

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 14<sup>th</sup>.

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