



John Perkins - President

"Optimist OPTICS"

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



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

This Week's Program

Oct 11th - TBA
Meeting located at Ri Ra Irish Pub

Next Week's Program

Oct 25th - TBA



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It was a grand evening, Wednesday, September 27th as the Downtown Optimist Club of Evansville got all dressed up and went to the dogs; Kennel Club, that is. Our Changing of the Guard, as we call it, where we thanked the officers of last year and inducted the new officers for the Optimist year, starting October 1st.

Ron Eberhart was MC and began the meeting at 6:35pm with a welcome to the group. Jeff Olson presented the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We dined on a buffet of Grilled Cashew Chicken with a Mandarin Orange Grande Marnier Sauce. Very special thanks to Tim Deisher who made the arrangements at the Kennel Club.

After dining, Ron made several announcements. He started by announcing

- the club foundation met on Tuesday, September 26th and awarded \$18,460 to 29 organizations who help and work with kids.
- The NOW Meeting (New Optimist Welcome) is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11th at Ri Ra Irish Pub.
- Also, Michael Burk will host a fund raising event at his house on Saturday, October 14th. This will be a poker party.

Ron mentioned the passing of a long time member this year, John Schuck. He was president from 1968 to 69.

To add a little humor, Ron explained that outgoing President, John Perkins, was a Tax and Finance Analyst at his employer. John is a CPA. Ron told numerous jokes about accountants and CPA's. Some were funny, and some were not as the audience "did not get them". He had to explain what they meant. They were tripped up by the "accounting" terms. Lea Deisher really enjoy the jokes. She got them all.

Ron then thanked outgoing board members: Emily Baxter, Tim Deisher, and Dan Phillips who had served 2-year terms. He then listed those members with one year remaining: Shannon Perry, Richard Hawley, and Jeff Olson. Josh Paulson joins the board as Sargeant at Arms. Secretary will be Ron Eberhart, Treasurer, Todd Wahl, Vice President, Michael Burk and President will be John Perkins.

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Ron asked all of the officers to come forward and he inducted them into their offices as they recited an oath.

The club then presented John with a clock plaque. He will be able to use it in his office on his desk, bookshelf or table. It contained a nice inscription which thanked him for his service as President. Ron also gave him a \$100 gift card from the club. John was very appreciative. New President, John Perkins, gave a very thoughtful speech about his upcoming year and what he hoped to accomplish.

The last event of the meeting was the presentation of the Optimist of the Year Award. Ron started out giving some clues to the identity of the recipient. As the clues became more obvious, he asked Gary Burk to come forward. Ron continued with the clues and most everyone figured out that the award was being presented to Michael Burk. Ron handed the plaque to Gary so he could present it to his son. It was an emotional moment as they hugged.

Michael has been an instrumental leader in our club serving on the board, helping with Sarge duties, and Chairman of the graves visitation. Michael was very gracious and thanked the club for this presentation.

Next regular meeting will be at Ri Ra Irish Pub on October 11th, Noon. We are asking members to invite potential members. They will be offered a \$30 membership dues for the first year and waving the initiation fees. Last year's event was great with 20 guests.

Remember to call your buddy....
Ron Eberhart, Newsletter Contributor

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