

"Optimist OPTICS"

"Dare to Care"



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Rich Hawley - President

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

Oct 13th - TBA

Oct 27th - Suzanne Draper Executive director of CASA



It was a night to remember!! All the stars showed up! President Rich Hawley, and his entourage of Board of Directors. Yes, anybody who was anybody attended. We had dignitaries from Indianapolis, Jasper, Santa Claus, Indiana. More, from St. Louis, MO, and Nashville, TN. Yes, they were all there to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our club.



President Rich started the meeting by recognizing many of these dignitaries. We then had a Color Guard comprised of members of Cub Scout pack 374. They brought in the American Flag. We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag.



We dined on Pork Loins and others dined on chicken. After dining, we had Candace Chapman with...Director of Downtown Evansville....came forward and read the Proclamation from our City signed by Mayor Lloyd Winnecke.



Next, it was time to review our 100 year history. First up was Ron Eberhart dressed in 1920's garb. He looked like he was on the way to deal at a card game. Ron discussed how the club was begun by Dr. Charles Harloff, and 34 men who chartered our club on May 13th, 1921. He talked about the early days of our club through 1946. Next up was Emily Parker. She discussed



the years when we chartered several clubs from 1947 through 1972. Next up was Disco Boy, Josh Paulson who discussed the 70's and 80's with his disco look. Long hair and sunglasses. John Perkins brought us up to today's time; 1991 through 2021 mentioning our big contribution to Camp Carson of funding a new cabin in 2015.



John Perkins, Treasurer of our Foundation also presented Patsy with a check for \$1500 for the Optimist International Foundation.



Our keynote speaker was Patsy Garner. She and her husband have been the only husband/wife team to both hold the position as International President. He held the office 7 years ago. She made meaningful remarks and presented Rich Hawley and Josh Paulson a proclamation from Optimist International.

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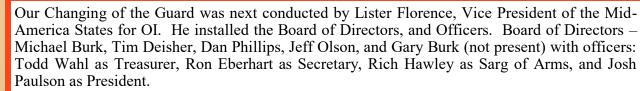








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Outgoing President Rich Hawley received his Past President's Pin, a Plaque, engraved gavel and parting gift. Josh Paulson, received the traveling gavel and President's Pin as well has and his personal President's Pin. Both Rich and Josh made remarks. During the Changing of the Guard, two awards were presented. First was the Humanitarian Award presented by Rich Hawley to Dr. John Bender for his many years of service to our club. He became a member in 1995. Patsy presented the Optimist of the Year Award to Gary Burk. Gary was not present by his son, Michael, was present to accept the award. Gary received the award for being Chairman of the 100th Anniversary committee for all of the work he did over the last 3 years, particularly, this year. He could not be present to recuperation from surgery.

The new Governor of Indiana South, Mike Novak, closed the program with remarks and presenting a surprise plaque to Ron Eberhart for his over 40 years of service to the club. We ended the meeting by reciting the Optimist Creed.

Don't miss the meeting on the 13th as it will be Josh's first meeting as President. Ron





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