

"Optimist OPTICS"- continued



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:

YMCA Camp Carson

Santa Clothes Club

Ron Eberhart presented the Youth Appreciation Week project. He discussed three schools we will be sponsoring this year for the YAW breakfast and job shadow: Bosse, Mater Dei, and Reitz. So far we have received the names of students for Mater Dei and Reitz. Ron passed around a sheet with the names and their career preference. Thanks to Mike Burk, Sally Olson, and Jeff Olson who selected students. Ron is using the same method as last year to communicate to members and keep track of placed students; email.

Ron also mentioned that the Committees Sign-up sheet that was being passed around. He also reminded members that this meeting today was the last of our Optimist Year and the meeting on October 14th would be our first.

Buddy Prizes were cupcakes in honor of our speaker, Denise Johnson's, birthday. Thanks to the always thoughtful Karen Morris.

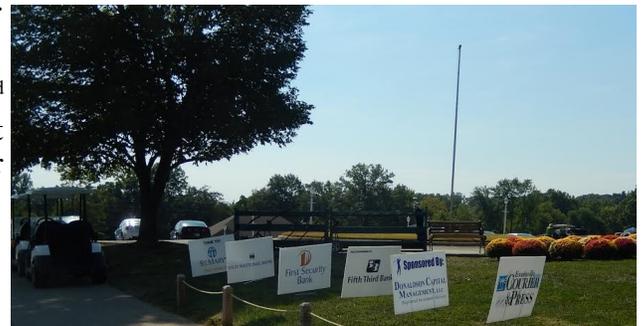
As mentioned above, Tim Deisher, was away waiting on a grandbaby. He secured our speaker for today and asked Karen to introduce her.

Denise Johnson is Executive Director of the Evansville Parks and Recreation. She became director in January 2012. Denise gave us an overview of all of the parks. There are over 2500 acres in Evansville with 69 parks and 21 facilities. She has a staff of 12 people to oversee and take care of these parks and facilities. Her budget is around 11 million dollars. She talked about the difficulty of trying to care for that much property with her small staff. She was telling us that the Wesselman Park softball leagues might move to the North Side to the Sports Park next year.



She is willing to partner with private organizations to help pay for a specific park, playground...etc. This is due to a reduction in her budget.

Our next meeting is on October 14th.....2nd Wednesday in October. Several important people were born on that day including Roger Moore, and Dwight Eisenhower



Ron Eberhart



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