



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

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Jeff Olson - President

This Week's Program

Oct 23rd - Dr. John Scott Foster

Exec. Director Wesselman's Nature Society

Next Week's Program

Nov 13th - TBA

Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:



12:11pm. Our Brand Spanking New President, Jeff Olson, rang the 92 year old bell to bring the meeting to order. He called upon immediate Past President, Mark Hackert, who delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, and then the Optimist Creed.

Returnees: Ann Pendley, Brandon Roop

Guest: Thanks to Brandon for inviting Corey Ainscough to attend the meeting.

Sarge At Arms: Shaun Kingston stepped in as Sarg as Michael Burk was unavailable do to business commitments. Numerous members came forth to give conscience money. Ron Eberhart, Sally Olson, Dan Phillips, John Bender Tim Deisher to name a few. The Half-Pot was won by Tim Deisher who donated the money back to the club. Thanks...Tim. Shaun asked two Trivia Questions and our scholarly group answered both correctly, so...no money given this time around.

Medical Minute: Doc Bender spent a few minutes and discussed bone marrow transplant. This is normally tried after several unsuccessful chemo treatments. The person must have a “match” for the bone marrow and interestingly, this procedure is not done in Evansville hospitals.

Sunshine Report: From our own “Sunshiner”... Don Julian. He reported again this week that Cheryl Graves is back at work and is planning on attending today’s meeting . He also reported that John Campbell is having some “back” issues and that’s the reason he has not attended the meeting in several weeks. He has tried to make contact with no avail. Also, he reported that John Schuck is residing in an assisted living facility, River Pointe Health Campus.

Announcements: Tim Deisher and the Budget and Audit Committee will convene, Monday, October 14th at BKD office. Everyone is invited to attend. They will audit last year's "books" and establish a new budget for this new administrative year.

Youth Appreciation Week: Ron updated the group asking for help in placing students. We have 4 placed, with 7 pending but still need help. He is emailing the list to members who have helped in the past. The breakfast is November 6th, 7pm at the Clarion Inn. Our schools are Bosse, Mater Dei, and Reitz.

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Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:45am
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Pin Presentation: Ron Eberhart presented a "Presidents" pin, gold filled with a diamond, to Jeff Olson. He also gave a similar "Past Presidents" pin to Mark Hackert. They arrived late and could not be presented at the COG Meeting on the 2nd.

Foundation Grants: Mark Hackert gave an update. He has received 25 requests for grants and will email the list to board members next week. Meeting date to be determined for selection of recipients..

Golf Gives Back: Mark and Jeff to attend the meeting next Wednesday when they award the money we earned at the Victorian National Golf tournament from this past summer.

Optimist of the Year: President Jeff announced that Mark received the award at our Changing of the Guard last Wednesday evening at the Kennel Club. Congratulations Mark on a job well done!!



Ann Pendley introduced our speaker, Katie Shonk. Ann had brought her husband's carbon fiber bike. It is very lightweight and very expensive. She had members lift it to show how easy it was to pick-up.

Katie is Quality Manager at Air Quality Services, LLC and also is a member of the Junior League of Evansville and was asked to discuss the "Rockin River City Ride" event next May. Katie is co-chair of the event.

This will be a two-day community event that offers a challenge for novice and experienced cyclists and runner alike along the beautiful Evansville Riverfront. Participants will be able to choose from 5K GLOW Run on May 9, 2014, a 5K Family Bike ride, or a 25K, 60K or 100K Bike Ride on May 10th.

Walkers and riders will enjoy numerous fully-stocked rest stops, excellent free route support, and a bike park.

The Pre-Register GLOW Runner is \$20, Bike Rider is \$25 and the Family Ride for 4 is \$50.

Last year there were 650 participants and they were able to raise over 35,000 which was shared with the Evansville Morning Rotary Club.

Friday night, May 9th, will feature a Battle of the Bands contest with 3 local bands competing.

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The Junior League has been the driving force behind the kinds of initiatives and institutions that make our community a healthier, more vital place to live.

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Ron Eberhart, October Newsletter Editor

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