



“Optimist OPTICS”

“Dare to Care”



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Rich Hawley - President

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

Oct 28th - Nina Fuller, Smile on Down Syndrome

Nov 11th - Donaldson Cap Mgmt, Club Investmtns



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:



The Downtown Optimists met on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 under the leadership of Ron Eberhart, standing in for President Rich Hawley. It was the first “official” meeting of the new year and the members were glad to be back in the Bob Jones Community Room. The meeting got started right at 12:15pm with the clang of the bell and a call to stand for the Opening Prayer. Ron wore several hats today in that he lead our group first in the prayer, followed by reciting the pledge and the Optimist Creed. We had approximately 7 members attending. (Come on back folks. . .we practiced social distancing and all wore masks) (Almost Ken Dennis)—Doc, you continue to inspire us with your commitment to the club.

After the opening of the meeting, Ron called for conscience money. . it was a grand slam. . even our guests gave. The Sarge Trivia was tabled for the day. Announcements included that the **Optimist Board would be meeting this coming Tuesday**. The consensus was to handle that as a zoom meeting. Half pot was won by Karen Morris for a huge windfall of \$13 (thank you). Gary was missed today along with his Sunshine report. Ms. Emily remains in our positive thoughts for a full recovery on her recent back surgery.

Ron then asked Karen Morris her plans for the weekend. Karen and daughter Kara will be traveling to Bloomington this weekend to attend the Optimist District Convention. Kara will be representing our club as the local and district winner of this year’s essay contest and will be reading her essay to the group at large. (No pressure for a shy 18 year old). On behalf of Kara, her dad and I, thank you again. The scholarship dollars won with this essay contest came in handy.

Ron then invited guest Heather Pierce, Engagement and Development Director of YMCA Camp Carson, to come forward and introduce our guest speaker today, Mr. Jim Sexstone, Executive Director of YMCA Camp Carson. Both Heather and Jim joined Camp Carson in 2020. . . a challenging year with Covid. Both had experienced camp as a youth.

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Jim’s connection with the YMCA and camp began at an early age with swimming, becoming a counselor and eventually a camp director. Jim has an older brother that is also a Camp Director. Jim shared that the challenges of Covid had made it very difficult. The summer camps that normally help with the financial end did not happen this year. There have been a few camps for Military Families and Family camps. The hope is to be able to run these summer camps again this coming year. Currently they have 3 camps @ 100% for next year scheduled. Jim thanked our local club for the generous donation to the camp and our ongoing support. Their hope is to build more bunks and more cabins in order to provide the camping experience to more children. Jim invited the group to Camp Carson with the promise of fun activities.

At 12:55, Ron closed the meeting with a speaker’s certificate presented to Mr. Sexstone. Thanks again and looking forward to seeing all in two weeks.

Optimistically yours,

Karen Morris
“Stand in” writer for the newsletter



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