"Optimist OPTICS"

"Helping Kids, Now and for the Future"

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

This Week's Program	Next Week's Program
Nov 10th—TBA Ken Newcomb Jr, F.C. TuckerEmge Realty	Nov 18th—TBA

IMPORTANT NOTE: MEETING MOVES TO TUEDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH…AND WE WILL MEET IN THE FRONT PART OF THE ONB BUILDING NEXT TO THE BLUE AND GOLD ROOM.

Ron Eberhart, Circle of Leader, for October greeted the membership and guests. Ron then presented the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, and the Optimist Creed.

Announcements: There were numerous announcements.

- Dan Phillips wants to have a Brainstorming meeting to discuss new club activities and how to attract new members. More details later on time, place.
- Ron also promoted that he has YAW tickets for sale for the breakfast at $12 each – November 4th.
- The November meetings will be on **Tuesday, November 10** and **Wednesday, November 18th**. ONB will be closed on our regular meeting day, November 11 for Veterans Day.
- **December meeting will be on the 9th and 16th**…due to Christmas
- Santa Clothes Club solicitation letter will be emailed in early November to members.
- Ron and Emma Lee Eberhart attended the Bridge Builders Dinner at the YMCA Camp Carson on Sunday, October 25th for our Foundations donation to build Aztec Cabin.
- Pass Dribble Shoot Contest is being planned with the Eastside Club..mid January.

Michael Burk stepped forward as Sarg of Arms. He asked 2 trivia questions about the World Series with Kansas City and NY Mets from many years ago. We had one correct and one missed. We had several donate money during our "conscience money" session. Ron Eberhart, Mark Hackert, Don Julian, Frank Amodio.

Don Julian won the "half-pot" again this meeting and donated the money back to the club. Thanks Don!!!

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Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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Our speaker today was courtesy of Mark Hackert.   Mark introduced Republican Mayoral Candidate., Lloyd Winnecke.

Lloyd discussed all of the many positive construction and activities happening right now in Evansville. First he said that this is the best job he has ever had.

First, he discussed the new **Downtown hotel** with 240 rooms…opening Fall 2016.   It will add to the tax rolls and will help spur economic development in Downtown Evansville. It will help the ONB Events Plaza by bringing more conventions to Evansville. Lloyd also updated us about the **IU Medical Center** that should be open August 2017 or January 2018.   USI, UE, and IU will work offer complimentary courses on campus. Next was **Tropicana i**nformation. He said an announcement soon will announce they will be moving to land with a huge investment. **Lloyd-Highway 41 Interchange** completion is another finished project. He also talked about **Roberts Park** where 300 trees have been planted and the completed **Vann Avenue Crosswalk** across the Lloyd expressway that will connect McDonald's Golf course all the way to Lincoln Avenue.

Next Lloyd addressed the budget cuts by the City Council and how they are optimistic they can work around the cuts and still eliminate the housing blight problems. The roads budget has been cut by .8 million dollars leaving one million in that budget. He also mentioned that several not-for-profit organizations are getting cuts or losing their grants all together.

He has been working with EPA on the sewer project and which will cause many millions of dollars.

That's it for today…..
Ron Eberhart, October Newsletter Writer

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