



"Optimist OPTICS"

"Dare to Care"



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Rich Hawley - President

This Week's Program

Nov 20th - TBA

Next Week's Program

Dec 4th - Grant Checks Presentation



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:



President Rich started the meeting early today as Past President, Michael Burk, had a very important meeting to attend. He did want to give us information about the Hacienda First Avenue Fund raiser. It takes place on Sunday December 1st. Prez Rich is scheduled to be a celebrity ?? server. Those who eat on Sunday December 1st and mention Downtown Optimist Club will have a portion of their check donated to our club. Michael passed around a sign-up sheet if you are interested in buying Gift Cards on that day. Let him know at the meeting next week.

Ron Eberhart then presented the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by the Optimist Creed.

We welcomed guest Levy Schroeder invited by Colleen York who turned-in her member application. Levy is Director of the Wesselman Woods Nature Center. Glad to have you join us today, Levy. Prez Rich then went through a mind boggling list of upcoming meetings, dates and times.

November 19th Tuesday – Board meeting at ONB Room 205 at 12Noon. All members are invited to attend.

November 20th Wednesday meeting - We moved the meeting on the 27th to the 20th because of Thanksgiving.

December 4th Wednesday meeting - We will meet at 10am in the ONB Atrium to distribute checks for our Foundation to over 30 organizations. We will be serving Donut Holes from Donut Bank with coffee and water.

December 12th Thursday meeting – our meeting on the Wednesday the 11th moves to Thursday at DeL-egge’s Banquet Hall to recognize the Youth Appreciation **Students of the Day** from Bosse, Central, Mater Dei and Reitz.

December 18th Wednesday meeting – Dr. Bender will be showing his Korean War slides... We are planning a carry in of desserts and possibly food for lunch. More details later. Josh Paulson is also working to get our day and times for Salvation Army Bell Ringing in December.

Sunshine Report – Dan Phillips mentioned that our newest member, Jim Quehl, will be at our next meeting. He is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Santa Clothes Club – Many members had brought checks to donate to the Santa Clothes Club. \$650 was collected today which will be matched by the Foundation. With the matching funds from the Foundation, we will be giving a minimum of \$1300 to the Santa Clothes Club. Members can bring a check next week to the meeting, if they want. Be sure and make the check out to the Downtown Optimist Club Foundation. Checks can also be mailed to our Foundation at P.O. Box 3882. 47737-3882

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:45am
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Memorial
Golf Scramble

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YMCA
Camp Carson



Buddy Prizes - Ron Eberhart and Colleen York won the buddy prizes courtesy of our President.

Half-Pot Drawing – the winner today was President Rich who walked away with a whopping 4 bucks. We had a winner last week and so the “pot” was not that big. Our speaker, Courtney Johnson draw his name.

Conscience Money - Just about every member gave money today. Many gave in honor of the U. of E. basketball beating the University of Kentucky on Tuesday Night.

Returnees today included Susan Washburn. It was great to see her again.

Our multi-talented Prez, Rich, filled in for our Sarge. His Trivia Questions were about the Wizard of Oz. Only one table was able to correctly guess the question presented to them.

Our speaker was introduced by President Rich. Courtney Johnson is Executive Director of Young and Established. He is from Evansville and went to USI. He considers himself a Man of God. They have conducted food drives for 6 years and have 10 annual events. They work with over 35 organizations.

They promote positive youth development and equip youth with tools to be leaders of tomorrow. They have served over 2500 people.

Y. and E. is taking over the Toys for Tots campaign this year. They are calling it a Community Toy Drive covering 4 counties and collecting toys for newborns to 14 years old. Drop off locations at any Starbucks in Evansville through December 13th. They will be using the former Downtown YMCA Building for a Central pick-up location. People can go on-line to their website (youngandestablished.com) and register for a time slot to go and pick-up their toys on Saturday, December 14th between 9am and 6pm. Volunteers can also register on-line. Or, they can go to the YMCA on Saturday, December 7th to sign-up.

They will also be conducting a Christmas with Coaches free Basketball Clinic Camp on Sunday, December 8th. at the old Downtown YMCA directed by USI Assistant Coach Brent Owen.

Members brought many toys for Courtney to help in the toy drive. Thanks to all who brought those.

Another great meeting!! Remember the next meeting is next week on November 20th. Prez Rich will be MIA and VP Colleen York will be initiated in taking the helm of the club. I know she will do a great job!

Ron Eberhart, Newsletter Contributor...



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