



John Perkins - President

"Optimist OPTICS"

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



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

This Week's Program

Nov 30th - Grant Distribution

Next Week's Program

Dec 14th - TBA



Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble

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Ron Eberhard was filling in for our missing Prez today and also led us in the prayer, pledge and invocation. We only had about 8 members at the meeting on this sunny, cool, November day.

Announcements:

*Foundation Meeting immediately following this meeting to discuss the grant requests.

***November 30th will be our next meeting (No meeting on the 23rd)**, we will be passing out checks to the grant recipients, in addition there will be a catered meal, more details to come.

*Youth Appreciation-thanks to all of those that helped to place the students and volunteered at the breakfast, another successful year!

*Ron will be sending out information for donations to the Santa Clothes Club, the foundation matches the amount the club collects each year up to \$1500

*December 14th we will have the Youth Appreciation Students at our meeting to talk about their job shadowing experience, in addition we will be asking members to bring a dessert and a toy for Toys for Tots.

Sarge was back at it today and up to his usual tricks to collect some money. Half-pot went to Ken Dennis, thanks for returning it Ken. Conscious money was given by Karen, Ron, Shaun (his little one just started walking and slam dunked the basketball), Michael, Jeff and Ken. Sarge blanked us on questions again!

Karen Morris announced our guest speaker for the day, Ben Joergens, Ben has been working at Old National for the past 18 years and heads up the Fraud and Security Dept. Ben is an IU graduate, has recently been named the ONB Wayne Henry Volunteer of the Year. Ben discussed several different types of scams, most popular is Financial Exploitation, which is taking someone's money. In 2015 alone, there was 36.5 billion dollars taken, that does not even count the money taken that is usually not reported due to someone being ashamed/embarrassed. Some other common scams include IRS Scams, Dating Scams, Service Scams and Friendly Fraud (caregiver or family member takes your money).

Some tips Ben gave us included never to give personal information such as social security unless you initiated the call and know you have the right agency. If a caller asks you to send money to pay taxes, don't do it. Limited time offers should not require a decision right then, be suspicious of anyone who tells you not to discuss an offer with anyone else. If you need to report suspicious activity notify your bank or contact law enforcement. Bottom line is Trust Your Gut!!!

Please attend our next meeting November 30th! Happy Thanksgiving!

Dan Phillips

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