

"Optimist OPTICS

"Helping Kids, Now and for the Future"



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

Dec 9th — Youth Appreciation Recognition Dec 16th —



Tim Deisher, Circle of Leader for November, called the meeting to order at 12:13. Kingston came forward to lead us in the invocation, pledge and Optimist Creed.

*RETURNEES: Don Julian, Bill Simmons, Doc Bender and Ken Dennis



*BOARD MEETING: Tim Deisher reported at Board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17 the audit of the accounts was approved for 2014-15 year and budget for 2015-16 was approved. Approved \$1000 from the 2015 golf outing to the DT Optimist Foundation to be given away this year with other requests. Foundation Board meeting was held Thursday November 19th to determine the distribution of funds from the Foundation.



*SANTA CLOTHES CLUB: Shawn Kingston, foundation Treasurer reported \$850 has been collected and with matching funds of up \$1500 from Foundation...we hope to reach that amount. Need to get him your contributions by Friday, Dec. 4th. Mail the check made out to the DT Optimist Foundation to: PO BOX 15905 Evansville, IN 47716.



*Salvation ARMY Bell Ringing: John Perkins reported that we will be ringing bells for them on Friday December 18th at east side Walmart. Need additional people to sign up so we have multiple at each time slot. Contact John for details are see him at the meetings.



*Sunshine Report: Bob Shetler is recovering from surgery and has just returned to work. Mike Burk and his wife hit a deer the morning of the meeting and all is well with them except their car was damaged.



*Sarge Shawn came up and requested conscience money: Bill Simmons, Mark Hackert, Doc Bender, Tim Deisher, John Perkins, Don Julian, Ron Ebehart, Jeff Olson all contributed. We answered the two questions correctly: John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan. Buddy prizes to Sally Olson and Don Julian.



Ed Harrison Memorial **Golf Scramble**



Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:45am Old National Bank Building, Downtown; Blue and Gold Room Mail Club at: P.O. Box 15905, Evansville, Indiana 47716 - 0905 www.evansvilledowntownoptimist.org Evansville Downtown Charitable Foundation, Inc.

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Tim Deisher, then introduced our speaker from SANTA CLOTHES CLUB...Doug Duell, president of the organization. Started in 1946 by downtown merchants, many who were members of our very club. His father Dave Duell was president of Santa Clothes Club in 1982 and served more many years. Incorporated it and formalized many of the practices of today. Over \$7 million has been raised and over \$5,000 youth have been clothed. Goal each year is 3,000 children and cost if \$100 per child.....\$300,000.

Walmart provides for that \$100, hat, shirt, underwear, pants, socks and jacket. Children from kindergarten to 6th grade are serviced. Each child is given a certificate that they take to Walmart to get fulfilled. Only 88% of the certificates are redeemed. Reasons for not being redeemed: parents won't take them, trade them, many others.

They have an 18 very active member board:

In addition to their annual telethon, they have their own Golf Outing, Sterling Boiler has golf outing and proceeds go to them, Wolf's Auto Auction has special auction each year, Direct mail campaign and Spaghetti Dinner at Biaggis.

NEARLY 100% of the money goes to the kids clothes....

SPECIAL NOTE: each year the club contributes over \$3,000 to Santa Clothes Club. That is 1% of the total from out club. Please contribute to this great opportunity to service the youth of the tristate.

Mark Hackert





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