

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

Jan 14th - TBA

Jan 28th - TBA













Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble The Downtown Optimists met for their final meeting of the year on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 as President Karen Morris rang the meeting in at 12:15 p.m. Jeff Olson came forward and offered up the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Optimist Creed.

Sarge Shaun Kingston came forward to collect conscience money. Several of our members gave for reasons ranging from outstanding basketball players to missed meetings to gratitude for the Toys for Tots. The half pot winner went to Doc Bender, who graciously donated his winnings back. The group was feeling festive with a number of delicious desserts and egg nog courtesy of Ms. Emily to kick the holiday spirit in. Further spurring the holiday cheer was the large black bag filled with toys to donate to the Toys for Tots. A special thanks to all members that brought in toys and to Gary Burk for seeing these toys found a home.

Reports included an update from Mark Hackert via email . . .(Mark, we missed you) on our Santa Clothes Club donations. Our club raised a total of \$2,362 towards the Santa Clothes Club. With the \$1500 Foundation match, Mark reported that additional donations of \$319 would help us meet our goal of \$3,000. Other announcements included a call for Salvation Army Bell Ringers. Our downtown group rang the bell on Friday, December 19th in front of the East side Walmart. Thanks to all our club members that participated and to John Perkins for organizing. Nicely done.

Sarge Kingston challenged our Christmas trivia. Several dollars were collected when the answer to, "In Italy, legend has it that "La Befana" fills the stocking of good children with toys and sweets on the eve of the Epiphany and uses the mode of transportation of a "Broom". Sorry, it was probably poor form to mix witches (even good ones) in with elves and Santa. Gotcha! Conscience money raised was right at \$41.00.

Special Guest was Tina Gibbs, our very own Optimist news writer. Tina has graciously handled getting the Optimist newsletter out to our membership. We wish Tina well as she embarks on her new career which offers artistic therapy through her **Beautiful Minds, LLC**, as a MnemeTherapist. Tina was presented a gift card from our club in appreciation for all she does with our newsletter. You can reach Tina at <u>tinagibbs@beautifulmindsllc.com</u> if you would like to see the dramatic results of her therapy. Much success to you Tina and thank you for continuing delivery of our newsletter. (Thanks Karen!)





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Finally, our program commenced with honoring a number of our Outstanding Youth recipients. Bosse, Reitz and Mater Dei schools were represented. Evan Lowe and Jessica Coleman, representing Reitz, both took time to share their experiences during their Job Shadowing. Taylor Copeland and Haley Gallagher, representing Bosse, shared their day as well. Other guests included Kathy Heidorn, Bosse and Sue Rolley, Reitz. We wish these Outstanding Youth much success as they pursue their education and career dreams.





President Karen Morris adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Thanks to our December committee with Don Julian, Bulletin Writer and Jeff Olson, Buddy Prize and Invocation. January members will be Don Julian in charge of programs and Cheryl Graves, Bulletin, Buddy Prizes and Invocation. Please mark your calendars for January 14th and January 28th meetings

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Karen Morris







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