

Optimist Newsletter Continued



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Sarge: Dan Phillips took the reins as our Sarge extraordinaire, shaking us down for some conscientious money with his St. Patrick's Day trivia. Who knew New York hosted the biggest celebration, or that a four-leaf clover could have a whopping 56 leaves? Only Dan, apparently!

Sadly, the Half POT drawing landed on Rich Hawley, who's off gallivanting out West, watching tennis of all things! We'll save your winnings for your return, Rich – don't worry!

Featured Speaker: Linda Schaffer, the entrepreneurial guru from EVSC New Tech High School, dazzled us with tales of innovation and ingenuity. With her award-winning students, Jason Barnwell and Elie Huff, leading the charge, they're lighting up Evansville with their solar light and camera project. EVSC New Tech High School, with 365 students has recently moved to the former Harwood School Building with several million dollars of renovation. She brought two award winning students with her who had won the "Change Maker Challenge" sponsored by the University of Evansville. Jason Barnwell and Elie Huff. Linda has taught for almost 30 years and the last several years with New Tech. She teaches students how to create and run their own business. They plan, market and find financial aid for their business. If they put in the work and meet the requirements, she will help them launch their business. Jason and Elie won the challenge with their solar light and camera project. They will be working to get it up and running in Evansville in the Promise district and also Jacobsville District. They have been working with Centerpointe Energy and the Police department to implement their program. They have entered their project in the Indiana State competition. Each has won a full ride from U. of E. which is worth \$250,000. Talk about hitting the jackpot!

Save the Date: A quick reminder that our **March 27th meeting is cancelled** due to Spring Break shenanigans. Take this time to recharge those optimistic batteries and come back ready to conquer the world!

That's all for now, folks. Stay optimistic, stay resilient, and remember: together, we're unstoppable!

Optimistically yours,

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