

"Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do
is for the Kids"*

This Week's Program

January 13th, 2010

*Franka Cissel, Executive Director
Work One SW Indiana*

**Ron Eberhart
President**

Next Week's Program

January 20th, 2010

*Jack Frey, Head Brewer
Turoni's Pizzeria & Brewery*



**Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble**

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Pres. Ron Eberhart rang the bell at 12:15 p.m. to a smaller than usual crowd. There were no guests today. Invocation was given by Gary Burk. The lone returnee was Tim Deisher. Good to see you back Tim!

- Ron announced the Tri-Star Basketball competition to be held this Saturday, January 9, at the Boy's and Girl's Club located at 700 Bellemeade Street.
- Karen Morris announced an upcoming NOW, New Optimist Wanted, program on March 16 at Ri Ra's at 6:00 p.m. on the second floor. They do have elevator service.

Doc Bender had a Medical Minute, which lasted 10 minutes, and it was well worth the time. His subject today was HPV, or human papillomavirus. He said there are about 100 strains of the virus, and around 30 of them affect the genital area. Types 16 and 18 of the virus cause 70% of cervical cancer cases. An estimated 8 out of 10 women will become infected with the HPV in their lifetime. Doc said that vaccine may be available to all boys and girls, but probably it will not be mandatory. Great information Doc.

The half-pot was won by Gary Burk, and it was donated back to the club.

Conscience money was scrounged from Karen Morris, Bob Levi, Tim Deisher and Ron Eberhart. Thanks!

Karen Morris introduced today's speaker, Gregg Wathen, CEO, S.W. Indiana Development Coalition. The coalition was formed in 2006. Their purpose was, "how to develop and improve the economic conditions in the region. The coalition consists of the following counties; Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick. There are 65 members on the Board of Directors, 21 members on the Executive Committee and 21 staff members. These members are from the four counties mentioned. Their budget is \$1.2 million with \$400 M from each of the following; the private sector, public sector and fee income. Fee income is raised from the development in the four counties. Contracts last year, 2009, totaled almost \$1 billion. Mead Johnson has two new projects totaling \$59 million, Berry Plastics \$170 million and AT&T call center has added 750 employees. The AT&T center is ranked in the top two centers in the nation.

Wathen said it is "undetermined" where we will be in the next 12, 24 or 36 months. With these successes are also the closing of businesses in the area.

This was one of the most informative programs we have had regarding the economic conditions in the Evansville and Southwestern Indiana area. It would be a shame if you were one of those who missed today's program.

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