

"Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do
is for the Kids"*

This Week's Program

*January 27th, 2010
Dan Schenk, Chancellor
Ivy Tech Community College*

Next Week's Program

*February 3rd, 2010
Lacey Norman, Community Relations Coordinator
Visiting Nurse Association*

**Ron Eberhart
President**



**Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble**

Financial Support for:

**YMCA
Camp Carson**



The Optimist bell rang loudly at 12:11, and President Ron opened the meeting by welcoming all! He then led us in the Invocation, Pledge, and Creed. Another auspicious beginning! Thanks, Ron

Returnees were John Campbell, and Roger Heathcote. Members included in the Sunshine report were Mark Hackert, who was in the hospital with an Atrial Fibrillation problem. When I called, he said that he was slated to get out of the hospital Wednesday afternoon, and assured that "all will be well!" Gary Burk made Board meeting, but didn't attend the Club meeting because of the weather. He has a painful ankle problem that he sustained while in the Marine Corps, and worsened with a fall about three years ago. He will eventually need corrective surgery. Both are upbeat and "optimistic!" We wish them both speedy and complete recoveries, and hope they are back amongst us very soon!

- Ron then had the privilege of presenting a Zone 8 Certificate of Recognition to Emily Baxter for her outstanding job of Chairing the Youth Appreciation Week program held last November. The award was given by Indiana South District. Way to go, Emily!
- At Tuesday's Board Meeting, it was reported that the Tri Star Basketball event drew 35 - 40 participants. It had been postponed because of weather conditions. Ron has photos that you can [and should] view them on the Club website. Thanks to Todd, Chris and Ron for their leadership!! JOOI meetings will resume on February 1st. Ron has the schedule, more info will be forthcoming.
- There will be a NOW [New Optimists Wanted] Meeting held in March. Karen & Tim are in charge, and more info will be available soon! Be thinking of who you would like to *share* Optimism with, and be prepared to invite them to the meeting! Sooner would be OK too!!!
- Ron said that we will be having a Club Visitation soon. Watch for the date, and plan to "Visit!" It's fun, and you will get to meet other good Optimists you can share Optimist experiences with!

Sarge pulled conscience money from Ron, Dan and John, and someone I didn't catch because I was writing furiously! Sorry!

Sarge Roger had trivia questions about "beer" today, because our Speaker was the Head Brewer of Turoni's Main Street Brewery. [I think he stole some of his material!] It seems that Evansville's first Brewery was in 1817, and there have been 3 microbreweries in Evansville. Speaker Jack Frey had worked for ONB in the computer department for many years through 2003. Brewing beer had been an interest of his for many years. He started with home brewing in 1996, and won a 3rd place at the State Fair! Micro craft brewing has been around for about 30 years. They are all friendly competitors, defined by the characteristics of being small, independent, and professional. Jack now teaches brewing. Pabst now owns most of the old major brew labels. There are 2 types of beer - ale and lager, and 3 types of beer drinkers -brand specific, craft beers, and crossovers, who will drink most any kind of beer. Turoni's opened in the mid 60's, and opened the brewery in 1996. Currently, always has 6 types of beer on tap. At Christmas time, they make a beer that contains 90% alcohol, aptly named "Rudolph's Revenge!"

The unknown ½ pot winner donated it back to the Club! Thanks! Unfortunately, no one heeded my admonition of last week to CALL YOUR BUDDY, so the prizes were not awarded! Tsk, tsk. [It may have improved attendance!] Hope to see YOU next week!

Ye Ed - Don Julian

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