

"Optimist OPTICS"



"Everything We Do is for the Kids"

This Week's Program

February 10th, 2010
Kimberly Moman - Aurora
"Giving Light to the Homeless"

Next Week's Program

February 17th, 2010
Girl's Oratorical Contest

Ron Eberhart
President



Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble

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Prez Ron got the meeting off and running at 12:10pm with a robust tap of the Optimist Bell. He called Don Julian forward who gave the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Optimist Creed. Ron recognized guest, Larry Niesen, Lt. Governor of Zone 8.

Returnees were numerous: Tim Deisher, Chris Gehlhausen, Dan Phillips, Shannon Marshall, Rick Roop, Emily Baxter.

Don Julian presented the "Sunshine" report: Gary Burk – back at the meeting and waiting on more information about his surgery. Mark Hackert – going for more tests – but was at this week's meeting. In addition, Don asked us to remember John Campbell in the loss of his mother last week.

Larry Neisen presented our club with a service award patch for our club activities during Karen Morris' presidential year. He received the patch at the District meeting in January. He also presented Gary Burk with a plaque for his past service work as District Secretary and Treasurer given to him by the Indiana South District.

Announcements:

- Gary Burk – gave an update on the JOOI Club from Joshua's Academy which had its first meeting on Monday, February 1st at the former St. Joseph's school. There are 17 students enrolled in the club. They elected officers at their first meeting. Their next meeting will be an outing on March 1st.
- Ken Dennis – Essay is underway and he will report more later. The deadline to enter is February 28th.
- Ron Eberhart – Oratorical Contests are scheduled for February 17 (Girl's) and 24 (Boy's). Deadline to enter is February 7th. Ron also mentioned about the three Evansville Optimist Club's raising effort for EVSC. This is to help with their monetary shortfall due to receiving less money from the government.
- Tim Deisher – He and Karen are working on the NOW (New Optimists Wanted) Meeting in March. More details later. It is to be held at Ri Ra Irish Pub.

Sarg Roger took *conscience money* from Ron Eberhart who was bragging about the Colt's playing in the Super Bowl this Sunday with it airing on CBS 44 WEVV. Also contributing were Don Julian, Ken Dennis, Rick Roop, and several others.

Half-pot was won by Doc Bender who graciously donated the \$5 back to the club. The buddy prizes were won by Roger Heathcotte and Don Julian who shared their bags of candy with the group. Remember....CALL YOUR BUDDY!!! The February buddy list is available on our website:

www.evansvilledowntownoptimist.org (note to you on-line bulletin recipients; you can click the link and go to our website).....continued on next page.....

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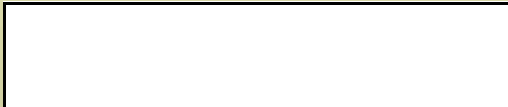
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Chris Gehlhausen introduced our speaker today, Lacey Norman, Community Relations Coordinator with the Visiting Nurse Association. Lacey gave an overview of their organization Visiting Nurse Association, a nonprofit agency serving the community since 1888, is committed to the belief that every individual deserves care and support to preserve independence, dignity and quality of life. Visiting Nurse Association dedicates itself to this belief by providing professional and compassionate health care solutions to people touched by disease, disability or death. Their services are available throughout the tri-state region in our 20 counties in Southern Illinois, Southern Indiana, and Western Kentucky.

Visiting Nurse Association is committed to the following beliefs and values that guide our thoughts and actions in providing compassionate care for the communities we serve: Honesty and Integrity, Respect and Concern for Others, Quality, Future Preparedness, and Stewardship.

Lacey also discussed The John & Betty Charlier Hospice Center which features a unique setting that focuses on meeting the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of terminally ill patients and their families. The Charlier Hospice Center is a 24-hour inpatient alternative to hospitalization-providing specialized clinical and palliative care-in a home like environment.

They also provide hospice care at home and in long-term care facilities for patients who are knowledgeable of their diagnosis and prognosis and agree with the plan for comfort and supportive care. Medical care and psychosocial services support family members in caring for loved ones at the end of life.

Remember to invite a guest!

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