# DOWNTOWN OPTIMIST CLUB - NEWSLETTER June 12, 2024

## President Emily Parker: A Modern-Day Houdini?

Once again, our elusive President Emily Parker has pulled off another disappearing act at our last meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rumor has it she's been spotted trying to train squirrels to sing the Optimist Creed. Meanwhile, our ever-faithful Secretary, Ron Eberhart, took the helm and guided our meeting with the grace of a seasoned captain on calm seas.

### **Smooth Sailing with Ron Eberhart**

Ron kicked off the meeting with a heartfelt Memorial Day Prayer, followed by a robust rendition of the Pledge of Allegiance. He also lead us in the reciting of the Optimist Creed. His announcements were as numerous as the toppings at a sundae bar:

NOW Meeting and Picnic: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 12th at 11:45 am. We're gathering at Wesselman's Park for our NOW Meeting and picnic. Karen Morris, our culinary wizard, will once again dazzle us with Sure Way Fried Chicken. Ron circulated a sign-up sheet for those bringing desserts and sides. Remember, this is a NOW meeting, so bring a guest! We're also inviting past Foundation recipients, hoping to reel in some new members.

#### **Junior Golf Tournaments**

We're gearing up for two exciting Junior Golf Tournaments. The first is on June 11th at Helfrich Park Golf Course, a qualifying event for the District Tournament on June 15th in Indianapolis. We're sponsoring 30 golfers, covering their entry fees, and sponsoring a hole. Fore!

#### Boy's and Girl's Club Garden

Our green thumbs are ready, waiting to hear back about helping to plant vegetables. Stay tuned for more details.

Welcome Back, Jeff Olson!: After a hiatus due to a pesky sciatic back problem, it was fantastic to see Jeff Olson back among us. We missed you, Jeff!

# **Spotlight on Michael Burk**

Our speaker today was none other than our own Michael Burk, Chairman of the annual Graves Visitation. Michael handed out American Flags to be placed on the graves of over 100 members, including those in mausoleums. He also gave a tech tutorial on using Google Earth GPS with your iPhone or Android phone. This helps you find the graves much faster as it tracks you on the ap and your proximity to the grave. roid phone to locate graves quickly. Who knew grave visitation could be so high-tech?

Remember: Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Keep spreading the positive vibes!

See you at the picnic on June 12th....

Ron

The Downtown Optimist Club Scribe

