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Welcome back, Optimists! Our illustrious president, Emily Parker, has returned to the helm of the Downtown Optimist Club. She commenced the meeting at precisely 12:10 p.m., or as we like to call it, "Optimist Time."

Ron Eberhart kicked things off with a thoughtful prayer, setting the tone for a day of optimism and camaraderie. We followed this with the Pledge to the Flag and the recitation of the Optimist Creed, because what's a meeting without a little tradition?

Emily dove into several announcements, starting with our recent Board Meeting. In her ever-enthusiastic manner, she promised to reach out to the Boys and Girls Club to explore ways we can lend a hand. We're also gearing up to assist the Tri-State Food Bank with their Stuff the Backpack program. Keep your eyes peeled for more details!

In a bold move to mix things up, Ron Eberhart announced that we will be employing the Circle of Leaders for the upcoming year. This means past presidents will rotate as heads of the regular and board meetings. Each will take the reins for two or three months, giving us a taste of their unique leadership styles. It's like Optimist Club's version of "President Idol."

Ron also provided an update on our recent adventure to Camp Carson. Emily, Ron, Jeff Olson, Ken Dennis, and Todd Wahl represented us at the noon meeting on July 17th. Ron presented a check for \$2,400 from our Foundation, half of which was generously donated by club members. Well done, team!



Sunshine Report Emily highlighted a few members facing health issues, including our very own Gary Burk. Let's keep them in our thoughts and send positive vibes their way.

Next Up: Sarge Rich

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Sarge Rich took the stage with his usual flair. He kicked off with the half-pot drawing, and the lucky name was Michelle Brummet. Unfortunately, she wasn't present, so the pot continues to

Rich then collected conscience money from members, making sure everyone's wallets felt a little lighter. Next was Trivia Question time, and boy, did we learn a lot. Did you know the Titanic was built in Belfast? Or that only 10% of the Irish are redheads? We were way off on



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that one! Switching hats from Sarge to Guest Speaker, Rich delved into the fascinating world of insurance coverage. As an attorney, he shared valuable insights on the ideal amounts for various coverages: \$250,000 for liability, \$250,000 for uninsured and underinsured motorists, \$10,000 minimum for medical payments, and \$100,000 for property damage. He also sang the praises of

Cincinnati and Erie Insurance companies, touting them as top-rated in his book.

Rich didn't stop there; he also explained GAP insurance, which covers the difference between the cost and value of your car. Sometimes, what you owe is greater than what it's worth—something we'd all like to avoid.

Thank you, Rich, for the informative talk! Another great meeting is in the books. See you all on August 14th for our next gathering! Our speaker will be Christina Hitchcock with Knot Alone.

Yours in optimism, Ron Eberhart, Scribe

grow. Better luck next time, Michelle!





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