

# "Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do  
is for the Kids"*

## This Week's Program

November 4th, 2009  
**NO LUNCH MEETING**  
Youth Appreciation Breakfast—Holiday Inn North

## Next Week's Program

November 11th, 2009  
Cheryl Musgrave  
Candidate for Office

**Ron Eberhart**  
Interim President



Ed Harrison  
Memorial  
Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:

YMCA  
Camp Carson



President Ron Eberhart called the meeting to order today as the group finished up their lunches and Mark Hackert approached the podium to invoke. He shared a quote from Mahatma Gandhi. *RETURNEES:* John Campbell, Karen Morris, Shannon Marshall, Ann Pendley and Don Julian. *WHAT WAS LOST IS FOUND:* Don Julian found the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary gavel, it was in his file cabinet drawer. Presented it to now Permanent Retread President Ron Eberhart for safekeeping. Also present his President Gavel to him.

- **YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY**...Emily Baxter asked for help in finding people for the youth of the day to job shadow. Many spots still needed filled. Please contact her. Our schools are Central, North and Evansville Day School. **Breakfast is Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00am at Holiday Inn North.** Join us only \$10/person.
- **NOTE:** time to think of **Santa Clothes Club**...remember your donations are matched up to \$1000 by the DT Optimist Foundation. Make your checks to the DT Optimist Foudation.

Ron Eberhart thanked the committee chairs for their work this month...remember your help is appreciated...SARGE Roger Heathcotte called forth those with a conscience: Mark Hackert, Ken Dennis, Roger Heathcotte, Don Julian, Emily Baxter Doc Bender—use Tamiflu to shorten effects of the flu... start right away. Buddy Prize winner was????? Remember to call your buddy and win. Half Pot winner donated money back to the club.

At this point our speakers were introduced: John Harding is the Scout Executive for the Buffalo Trace Council headquartered in Evansville, Jennifer Whitaker is a District Director for the Buffalo Trace Council. John Harding spoke about Scouting on a national scale: New scout handbook is in the TOP 10 of books purchased and #2 behind the Bible. Fondest memory of youth: Pinewood Derby races. Focus on Character traing, Youth development, Physical Fitness, Citizenship and Duty to GOD. They are important to youth. Scouting has served over 110 million youth since 1910. Character development is very important.

Jennnifer spoke the youth served in this area. Ten full time staff members serving 15 county area. In Vanderburgh county 1220 Cub Scouts (grade 1 to 5); 455 Boy Scouts (Age 11-18) and now program called Venture Scouts (100 boys and girls 14 to 21) mainly in high adventure programs like, canoeing, Rappelling, Rock Climbing, and such. Also have 160 youth in "LEARNING FOR LIFE" program in Air, Medical, Police and Engineering. "Scout Reach" after school program for kids who cannot get to meetings at night. The Buffalo Trace Council appreciates your support.

SEE you at the Youth Appreciation Breakfast and remember no lunch meeting.. Mark Hackert

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