

"Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do
is for the Kids"*

This Week's Program

November 25th, 2009
Arthritis Foundation

Next Week's Program

December 2nd, 2009
Mizell Stewart III
Editor, Evansville Courier Press "Trust & Love"

Ron Eberhart
Interim President



Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:

YMCA
Camp Carson



It was a cold, dreary November day outside, but everyone was warm and cozy inside for everyone to enjoy their food and distribution of funds from the Optimist Foundation. Pres. Ron Eberhart started us off with the ringing of the bell and had Mr. Hackert deliver the invocation along with the pledge/creed.

Ron then moved on to several announcements for an upcoming busy holiday season;

** Clay Barrett spoke on the upcoming **Santa Clothes Club** telethon is **December 6th**. It takes \$100 to clothe a child for the winter season. Please make checks payable to The Optimist Foundation. The foundation is going to match the amount we raise up to \$1000, so let's dig deep into our pockets to help out this great cause!

** Mean Gene announced that **Friday December 18th** is our day for **ringing the bell at the East-Side Walmart** from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Gene needs at least 7 volunteers to help out. Gene is taking cash or checks at each meeting, please make checks available to The Salvation Army. Last year we raised over \$2,000 so let's get busy and top that this year. Your checks can be mailed to Downtown Optimist, P.O. Box 15905, Evansville, IN 47716. Gene stated this was his last year to lead this event. I think it will be a tough task to replace Gene for all that he has done, we might have to draft Gene back in again next year. Thanks so much Gene, awesome job!

** We were presented with a check for \$100 from Kruckemeyer and Cohn on behalf of Bob Levi. Any jewelry sold to C&K they will give 15% back to our club. Thanks Bob!

** Sunshine leader Don Julian announced that Gary Burk has been not feeling well recently and to keep him in your thought/prayers. Hurry back soon Gary.

Returnees for the day were Gene, Roger, Karen, Chris, Dan and probably some others I missed. *Conscious* money was given by Ron, Roger, Don, Mark, John and from several of our guests that felt sorry for the Sarge. Sarge was shut out on his Indiana trivia questions today, better luck next week Sarge. *Half pot* went to our Pres and he generously put it back into the pot.

The main event for the day was the disbursing of the Optimist Foundation Grants to 20 different organizations that reaches several thousand children each year. Ken Dennis and Mark Hackert made the presentations and noted that we have been able to give out money for the past 20 years totaling over \$200,000. There were several individuals that had some nice testimonies on how the grants help his or her organization. If you have never attended this presentation, then you are missing out on seeing how far \$500 -\$700 can go to touch a child's life and how gracious each individual from the organization is for our donations. This is a very special luncheon each year, put it on your calendar for next November.

Hope to see ya next week!
Dan Phillips

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown, Inc.

Meetings: 11:45 am Wednesday,

"New" Old National Bank Building, Downtown, Blue and Gold Room

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