

"Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do
is for the Kids"*

This Week's Program

December 9th, 2009

*Dr. Ray Arensmen, retired Professor
U of E Economic Forecast*

Next Week's Program

December 16th, 2009

*Chase Kelly, Vectren
Climate Change Legislation*

**Ron Eberhart
President**



**Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble**

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President Ron rang the bell at 12:10 p.m. It was great to hear the ding level at a much higher decibel than last week. Ron is also the invocator for December, and he did his usual great job. Today's guests were John Simmons, last weeks speaker and newest member. Also, Don Julian had his bride, Martha, with him today. Did someone say she was a keeper, did they say Don needed a keeper? Welcome to both guests. *Returnees* were Dan Phillips, Bob Shetler and Ken Dennis. Glad to see you back. *Sunshine*, Don Julian said he knew of no one who is ill.

- Mean Gene Melchior needs one more volunteer to ring bells on Friday, December 16. Remember to bring your check payable to Salvation Army.
- There will be a Tri-Star Basketball meeting Wednesday, December 09, at 6 p.m. at Kipplees. Todd Wahl will furnish the pizza. The Tri-Star competition will be the first Saturday in January 2010.
- Lori Bryant's son, Erik (Opie) won the Eskew Mental Attitude Award after Reitz won the state championship football game. Lori was so proud of Erik, and we all wish she could have seen him win the prestigious award. A scholarship was part of the award.

Sarge Roger Dodger collected conscience money from Don Julian, Ron Eberhart, Doc Bender, Mark Hackert, Karen Morris and Gary Burk. Roger's questions resulted in collecting money from half the room.

Ken Dennis won the half pot of \$11.00 and then donated it back to the club. Thanks Ken!

Mark Hackert called his buddy Don Julian. Who knows what was in the envelopes they received. Maybe it was left-over turkey.

Don Julian introduced today's speaker, Mizell Stewart III, Editor for the Evansville Courier and Press. His topic was, "Trust and Love", a topic inspired by the Optimist Creed. He said that reporters are by nature of the business, pessimistic. They report on the negative events in the community and world. The two primary things necessary to overcome this type reporting, and the problems in the community, is trust and love. To show how people perceive the world we live in, he gave the following statistics: seventy-five percent of people have no confidence in newspapers, seventy-seven percent have no confidence in TV reporting, seventeen percent have confidence in the government, sixteen percent trust in big business, twenty-two percent have no confidence in banks. Top of the confidence list is the military at eighty-two percent.

On a personal level, Mizell is more concerned about local events than global events. The 911 event wiped the slate clean and united the country. It is disappointing that it takes an external threat to unite the country. Are we worrying more about stuff than trust and civility? If everyone lived by the 10 tenets of the Optimist Creed each day, we would have no more problems.

Mizell was an excellent speaker. We have been blessed with good speakers recently.

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