

# "Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do  
is for the Kids"*

## This Week's Program

*December 30th, 2009  
NO MEETING  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

**Ron Eberhart  
President**

## Next Week's Program

*January 6th, 2010  
Greg Wathen - Executive Director  
SW Indiana Development Coalition*



**Ed Harrison  
Memorial  
Golf Scramble**

Financial Support for:

**YMCA  
Camp Carson**



President Ron rang the bell, gave his Christmas sermon, excuse me prayer, then led us with the Pledge and Creed.

GUESTS today were Scott Graves, husband of Cheryl – Michael Carter, son of Ann Pendley and her guest Stacia - Curt, Kaylee, Kara, Courtney children of Karen Morris – Tina Elpers, guest of Dan Phillips.

RETURNEES were few. It was good to see Mark Hackert back after a sick spell. He is one big guy with a smile to match.

SUNSHINE report was not good. Bob Shetler's brother Tom fell, hitting his head, and he did not survive the surgery. Bob, we are sorry for your loss.

BELL RINGERS did a great job this year. The Kettle collections totaled \$525 and the member's donations totaled \$1,034 for a total of \$1,559 for one days work. Congratulations for a job well done to Gene Melchiors, coordinator, and bell ringers were Emily Baxter, Ron Eberhart, Dan Korb, Karen Morris, Ann Pendley, Bill Simmons and a special non-member, Dr. Bob Walters. And a big thanks to all who donated to the Salvation Army. Mark Hackert and Don Julian volunteered, but Mark was very sick and Don had a personal situation that kept them from their normal gift of volunteering.

SARGE had no mercy, even at our Christmas party. Every Optimist in the room paid a fine for not answering his questions. Then the people with a conscience paid dearly too. Monetary donations were made by Mark Hackert, Don Julian, Gene Melchiors, Ron Eberhart, Roger Heathcotte, Dan Phillips, Ann Pendley, Karen Morris and Doc Bender. Thanks to all for your generosity.

The Christmas gift exchange was fun for most. I lost the two gifts I picked to Emily Baxter and then she lost them to others. Roger, do you have any more of that homemade wine?

HALF POT went to Gene Melchiors again. This is three consecutive weeks he has won. That's what you get when you complain that you never win.

The meeting ended with Kaylee and Kara Morris leading us with a Christmas song.

Karen Morris and Gary Burk brought in sweets and Emily Baxter brought hot Red Hot punch. Karen had a number of goodies which were enjoyed by all.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Remember, NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>.**

Bulletin Editor,  
Gary Burk

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