



"Optimist OPTICS"

"Helping Kids, Now and for the Future"



John Perkins - President

Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

This Week's Program

September 12th -
Richard Hitch

Next Week's Program

September 26th -
Changing of the Guard—The Kennel Club



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support

YMCA Camp Carson



At 12:17pm, John Perkins rang the bell for the last time as President. A big THANKS to the work you have performed over the past 2 years!

Dan Phillips performed Sarge duties and collected conscience money and had a couple of trivia questions. Half-pot was not claimed, so more for next time! Gary Burk was not in attendance due to a sore hip and carless 3 year old behind the wheel of a shopping cart. No Sunshine Report from Gary but he is in our prayers for recovery. Congrats to Jeff Olson as he answered the question correctly. Frank Amodio thanked everyone for the prayers for his granddaughter. She is doing well!!! Doc Bender showed up today a little scruffy as he is growing a beard and mustache. He explained it was an idea from a picture from 1922 where he was a child and was being held by his great grandfather who looks like Doc. His great grandfather had a white beard but Doc's is growing in a bit darker. Mark Scoular sent us a wonderful thank you card and was passed around. We received the list of students from Mater Dei who were selected for the Youth Appreciation event. This list was passed around as well.

Jeff Olson introduced Richard Hitch who has a true gift in wood carving. Our very own Jeff Olson is also a wood carver and brought in a number of items he has worked on. Truly impressive Jeff! On display were Richard and Jeff's art. Richard told his stories of Camp Carson and Scouts as a child, and his teaching later on in life with Wabash Valley College and Indiana University. He brought his tools and described the 5 cutting techniques. He passed around a number of different samples of wood that are used in wood carving. Very nice presentation Richard!



Don't forget the Changing of the Guard at the Kennel Club on September 26th. Please RSVP if you have not already.

The closing bell was rung at 1:03pm

Mike Burk

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:45am
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