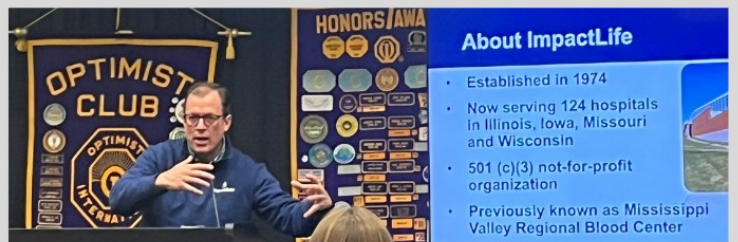




Friday, January 20, 2023

Introduction

The meeting was called to order by President Carrie Dreifurst. The blessing was given by Ron. There was 1 guest present. Carrie shared a thank you note from Hope at the Brick House. Rex has made badges for the new members; please see him with any concerns regarding your current badge. Brian is looking for a group of volunteers to work with Safer Foundation mentoring recently incarcerated individuals who are being reintroduced to the community. There will be an informational meeting on February 7th. See Jim King to sign up for the Junior Achievement Bowling Event on February 25th. Please see Aaron to sign up for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt Around on February 9th or to volunteer. The Poop & Toot Party date is to be announced. There will be a NOW meeting held on March 23rd, location is to be determined; members are encouraged to bring guests to the NOW meeting as well as luncheons for points through March 24th. Kathleen is determining a location for the February 23rd Optimist Evening Social & Speaker. Please welcome Stan, Jake, and Zach who were inducted.



About ImpactLife

- Established in 1974
- Now serving 124 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin
- 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization
- Previously known as Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

Business

Roland introduced speaker Kirby Winn from ImpactLife. ImpactLife was established in 1974, and in May 2021 underwent a name change from Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. ImpactLife has three blood centers throughout the Quad Cities. ImpactLife is a non-profit pharmaceutical-based company. Hospitals pay a service fee to the donation center. Did you know that only 40% of eligible donors have actually donated blood? The blood donated to ImpactLife is used to treat cancer, trauma with blood loss, for surgeries and organ transplants, obstetrics, and chronic anemia cases. There is now a code on each blood bag for recipients to message their donor a thank you! If you would like to hold a blood drive or schedule a donation, visit bloodcenter.org or [@impactlife](https://www.instagram.com/impactlife) on social media. Sargeant in Arms: Terry fined Tom, Rex, and Ed. The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

Friday, January 27th- Make A Wish

Thursday, February 9th: BBBS Putt-Around

Thursday, February 23rd: Optimist Evening Social

Saturday, February 25th: Junior Achievement Bowling

Thursday, March 23rd: NOW Meeting