



Friday, January 27th, 2023

Introduction

The meeting was called to order by President Carrie Dreifurst. The blessing was given by Ron. Please keep Steve Goldermann in your thoughts and prayers; we are wishing him a swift recovery after suffering a stroke. Wayne shared an update from the Flag Committee meeting; annual fees are increasing to \$45 and flags at TBK are being upgraded. John Kessler will be retiring from the Flag Committee; please see Wayne if you are interested in joining. Please see Aaron about volunteering at the 2023 Putt-Around for BBBS. Rick announced that the NOW meeting will be held on March 23rd at The Tangled Wood in Bettendorf. The Evening Optimists Events will begin in the Spring. Our February 24th luncheon will be held at Estes Construction; please contact Kate to RSVP for Jimmy John's.

Incentives for sponsoring new members til March 31st:

- 5 members: \$75 Casey's gift card
- 3-4 members: \$50 Casey's gift card
- 2 members: \$25 Casey's gift card



Business

Roland introduced speaker Carol TeBockhorst from Make-A-Wish Iowa whose mission is: 'Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. There are currently 25 wishes for Scott County in the wish pipeline. A child does not have to be terminally ill to receive a wish; once the child is referred to Wish and qualifies, the wish must be approved by a physician. Children are most often referred to by family or medical team, but anyone can refer a child to Make-A-Wish! Children ages 2 1/2- 18 may qualify, and Make-A-Wish will honor the wish up until a child turns 21 and is "aged out." The average cost of a wish in Iowa is \$15,000. Volunteers are very important to Make-A-Wish and are responsible for meeting with the families and presenting the wish to the child. Carol shared a video with the group and everyone was moved to tears. Terry did not fine anyone, and the meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

Thursday, February 9th: BBBS Putt-Around

Friday February 24th luncheon at Estes Construction

Saturday, February 25th: Junior Achievement Bowling

Thursday, March 23rd: NOW Meeting