

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

Feb 11th - TBA

Feb 25th - Mayor Lloyd Winnecke - State of the City Address



Circle of Leaders, Karen Morris, called the meeting to order at 12:15. She then lead the group in prayer, saying of the pledge, and the Optimist Creed. Returnees included: Mark Hackert, Emily Baxter, and Sheila Seiler. A couple of guests were present among the members today, Martha Julian and our guest speaker Sheriff Dave Wedding.





APPRECIATION



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble



- 3 Schools were contacted for the Outstanding Youth Program. February 14 is the deadline given to the students with a deadline of February 28 to submit to District.
- Last year, the club became a member of the Chamber of Commerce. They have extended an invitation to the breakfast on March 11 at St. Mary's Manor to help notify new members of their benefits. If anybody would like to attend, please let Karen know as a RSVP is required. Mark Hackert indicated that there is a group of non-profit organizations within the Chamber membership that meet and network. He can provide details of the meetings if interested.
- April 15 is the deadline for participants in the Oratorical contest with the winners submitted to District in June.
- Dan Phillips is asking for help to chair the Golf Scramble. Please let Dan know if you are interested in Golf and willing to help.
- During the Board meeting last week, it was noted that the application Base Camp has been dropped. Shaun Kingston is the new club Treasurer as of January 1.
- Mayor Winnecke will attend and be brought in as a new member at the February 25 meeting.

Conscious money was collected from Mark Hacker, Ken Dennis, Don Julian, Ron Eberhart, Emily Baxter, Sheila Seiler, Jeff Olson, Mike Burk, and Doc Bender. Because such a collection was made from conscious money, Karen let the Sarge off from entertaining us with some fund raising questions. Half Pot was won by Leader Karen, who donated it back to the club.



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"Optimist OPTICS"- continued



Don Julian introduced our guest speaker, Sheriff Dave Wedding. Sheriff Wedding began his career on January 1, 1981 and 35 years later was inducted as the new Sheriff of Vanderburgh County after serving as a Deputy under 5 previous leaders. He indicated that over the years, the job performs at a much slower pace then it did when he started. He cited a population decrease in the City as people move to the Country for the reason. There is a sufficient rise in drug sales, gang related activities, acts of violence, and gun fire.



The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department is the 6th largest Agency in the State of Indiana. There are currently 109 Deputies in Vanderburgh County. A K-9 unit costs the department roughly \$15,000 to train the dog and his Deputy. About 80% of what law enforcement handles, does not involve crime but involves a dispute.

Sheriff Wedding discussed some safety tips and a discussion of the most recent heavy equipment seizure. Law enforcement relies heavily on reports from the public, please report anything out of the ordinary as you never know what it might help them to piece together. They hope to educate people to protect themselves as they cannot protect everybody.





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If you have any questions, Sheriff Wedding can be contacted on their website or his e-mail is <u>dwedding@vanderburghsheriff.com</u>.



<u>February</u> Circle of Leaders – Jeff Olson Invocation & Buddy Prizes – Jeff Olson Bulletin – Dan Phillips

Have a great week! Cheryl Graves (Shannon Perry filling in)









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