



# "Optimist OPTICS"

*"Everything We Do is for the Kids"*

## This Week's Program

June 1st, 2011  
Dream Center  
"Helping Children Realize Their Dreams"

## Next Week's Program

June 8th, 2011  
TBA



Ed Harrison  
Memorial  
Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:

YMCA  
Camp Carson

Santa  
Clothes Club

Circle of Leader Dan Korb called the meeting to order at 12:06 and asked for those present to give Bill Simmons their attention as he invoked for us and led us into in the Pledge and the Optimist Creed.

**Returnees:** Karen Morris, Cheryl Graves, John Campbell, Shannon Marshall, Brandon Roop, Tim Deischer  
**Guests:** Robert East and Jim Marvin.

**Sunshine Report** by Don Julian was that all is well and no report of any ill Optimists

**Memorial Day Grave Visitation:** Tim Deischer invited all members to meet at 7:00 at BKD office at the corner of Cross Pointe and Virginia/400 CrossPointe Blvd. We will leave at 7:15 am in groups to disperse to local cemeteries for the visitation. Upon completion, members will gather for breakfast and a memorial at Golden Coral (East Side). Please join us for this event.

**Sarge Cheryl Graves** came forward and asked for conscience money...many people came forward: Karen Morris, Dan Korb, Mark Hackert, Bob Levi, Ron Eberhart, Ken Dennis, Gary Burk and others I did not get. Half Pot won by the guest..Jim Marvin. The questions were about Memorial Day and the only right answer was what was the original name for Memorial Day, Decoration Day.

Bob Levi introduced our speaker for the day, County Sheriff Eric Williams. He has been a county policeman for most of his adult life. He graduated from college with a Business Management degree and after a summer of roofing houses decided he want a career that included air conditioning. He has found his life's passion serving the community.

He commented that we may celebrate returnees but in his business, returnees are not a good thing. There is a nearly 70% "returnee" rate in the county jail. People continue to make bad decisions. Need to start young and help youth (who become adults) to start making better decisions at a younger age. 85% of the people in Jail are related to drug or alcohol addiction. Asked what he would do when his second term ends, he says it would be possible for him to return to the force at the rank he was at when elected. But focused on doing what he can to leave the county force in the best hands by hiring and training the best people possible to leave a strong a positive impact on the force.

Relationship between city and county police is very good. Work well together, utilizing each other assets when needed. Focus on taking care of the general public. Consolidation question came up. He is for it and feels it is the best for Vanderburgh County. Feels discussion is good and it will be up to the voters and wants them to have the best information so they can make decision on facts not emotion. He answered a wide variety of questions and stayed afterwards to answer more. Also let us know that he is presenting plan to County Council on cost/plans for expansion of jail. It was designed to be expanded easily to handle more people. This is not a recommendation to expand but giving the council an idea of what it will cost so the can plan for the future and expand on our terms not an outside source.

Next months Circle of Leader: Ken Dennis; Buddy Prizes: Bill Simmons; Invocations: Emily Baxter; Programs: Emily Baxter; Bulletin: Dan Korb.

Dan thanked his helpers for the Months: Bob Levi, Bill Simmons and Mark Hackert.  
Submitted by yours Truly.... Mark Hackert

**Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown, Inc.**

**Meetings: 11:45 am Wednesday,**

**"New" Old National Bank Building, Downtown, Blue and Gold Room**

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