

# "Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do  
is for the Kids"*

## This Week's Program

*July 14th, 2010  
CAMP CARSON VISIT*

## Next Week's Program

*July 21st, 2010  
Harold Morgan  
Presentation on Evansville during WWII*

**Ron Eberhart  
President**



**Ed Harrison  
Memorial  
Golf Scramble**

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President Ron Eberhart brought the meeting to order shortly after twelve with the ring of his bell. Gary Burke came forward and offered up invocation, the pledge and the Optimist Creed. Special remembrances were observed for Clint Beck, recently deceased. Jerri Manino was welcomed back to the club and we are pleased to announce is able to be a full-time member again. Returnees included Ken Dennison, Shannon Marshall and Tim Deisher. . .all the way from Israel. It's good to have you all back. Don Julian gave the Sunshine report and asked our membership to remember to contact either Don or Bill Simmons with updates on the Sunshine report.

The Sarge evoked such large participation with the Conscience money, that he opted to cancel the trivia question for the week in deference to our guest speakers. Buddy Prizes were won by Dan Korb. Remember to call your Buddy. President Ron gave all a new "Buddy List".

Gary Burk then came forward and introduced our guest speakers of the day. . .Mr. Kelly Williams and Mr. Larry Scott with the United States Marines. Kelly Williams, chair for the "Toys for Tots" campaign for the past seven years, spoke to our members about the Marine Corp League Toys for Tots. Over 3300 kids locally are served from birth to age 15, covering a four county area (Posey, Warrick, Henderson and Vanderburgh). These children are screened based on financial need. This program focuses on buying toys only with each child receiving approximately three toys at a value of \$25 per toy. The Marine Corp Toys for Tots began in 1947 with General Bill Hendricks and has continued on as a tradition since.

In addition to discussing "Toys for Tots", Mr. Larry Scott came forward and spoke on the topic of the history of the Marine Corp and the direction they are going in. The Marine Corps were founded in 1775 and have been a branch of the United States Navy since 1774. Larry referenced "Band of Brothers" to "Bond of Brothers" and spoke on the tight knit group the Marine Corps are.

The program concluded with Dr. John Mills who spoke a bit on his time with the Marines prior to his retirement. That's it for this week. Have a wonderful week and remember to bring a guest at your next meeting. Karen

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

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