

# "Optimist OPTICS"



*"Everything We Do  
is for the Kids"*

## This Week's Program

**Aug 18th, 2010**

*Steve Schaefer - Executive Director  
Voices for I-69*

## Next Week's Program

**Aug 25th, 2010**

*Thomas A Kazee - President  
University of Evansville*

**Ron Eberhart  
President**



**Ed Harrison  
Memorial  
Golf Scramble**

Financial Support for:

**YMCA  
Camp Carson**



Prez. Ron called the meeting to order and introduced Tim Deisher who led us in the invocation, pledge of allegiance to our Flag and Optimist Creed.

Returnees included Dan Korb, Bob Levi, Ken Dennis and Ann Pendley. Ron Eberhart brought a guest, Scott Scheiber with Kitch & Scheiber. Good to have Scott with us.

Ron indicated Karen Morris', husband Kevin – grandmother passed away Sunday at age 91. Services were today in Central City. Our condolences go out to Kevin and Karen.

### Announcements:

- Board meeting at Ri Ra Irish Pub next Tuesday, August 17 at noon.
- Ron reminded us of the Optimist Club Foundation Annual Golf Outing – September 15
- Mark Hackert made note of the August 31 deadline for our Foundation requests

Buddy prize fines were paid by Dan Korb and Bill Simmons. Dan Korb won the half pot which Dan donated back to the Club. Thanks Dan!

Sergeant of Arms, Roger Heathcotte collected consensus money from Ron Eberhart (he misses Karen), Ken Dennis (in Chicago last week) and our medical moment by Doc Bender (vitamin D education for the Club).

Tim Deisher introduced our speaker, Becki Kasha, Chair of the Vanderburgh County Government Reorganization Committee and Parks and Recreation Subcommittee. Becky gave an overview of how we got to today. The League of Women Voters obtained 10 percent of voters' signatures requesting the City Council and County Commissioners consider government reorganization. On January 10, 2010, they appointed members to the committee that Becky chairs. Members were appointed as follows: 3 from County Council, 3 from County Commissioners, 3 from the Mayor and 3 from City Council (total 12). The Committee has one year (January 11, 2011) to put a plan together. The plan will then go to County Commissioners and County Council and they can 1) adopt the plan, 2) modify the plan, 3) send it back to the Committee, or 4) do nothing which will default to accepting the Plan.

The Committee has 6 subcommittees which are: governance; tax and finance; planning and zoning; parks and recreation; public safety and infrastructure. Becky pointed out that we already have 13 units of government merged such as computer services (shared by county and city government). The governance of the proposed consolidated government currently consists of 1 mayor and 11 members on a Common Council. The Council would be represented by 8 districts and 2 at large seats which would be voted on by all county residents. Offices of Assessor, Auditor, Clerk of the Court, Coroner, Treasurer, Sheriff, and Recorder would be retained. The elected officials would be on 4 year terms (not staggered). The mayor would appoint a CFO and a Deputy Mayor. There would be 2 taxing districts – 1) entire county and 2) urban services district for such things as bus services and fire services. The issue will most likely be voted on by the county residents in 2012. The mission of the Reorganization Committee isn't to promote reorganization but rather to design a proposed structure. Thanks to Becky for giving of her time to lead the effort as well as sharing the progress with the Club.

-- Tim Deisher, August Bulletin Editor

**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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