



# "Optimist OPTICS"

*"Helping Kids, Now and for the Future"*



Jeff Olson - President

## Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

### This Week's Program

Jan 8th - TBD

### Next Week's Program

Jan 22nd - TBD



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:



President Jeff Olson rang in the last meeting of the year for the Downtown Optimist Club at 12:00 on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. Mark Hackert came forward and offered up the invocation, pledge and Optimist Creed.

Today's meeting marked a special time when our club foundation issues grants to local not for profit agencies. Our members were pleased to have several guests representing the various grant recipients. Mark gave a brief history of how the Foundation came to be and encouraged everyone to consider remembering the Optimist Club when planning their charitable gifting.

Ken Dennis, chair of the Foundation, came forward to assist Mark in handing out the checks. Our grant recipients included the following and how they intended to use the funds:

- Albions Fellows Bacon Center - Computer
- Children's Center for Dance - Dance Shoes for Joshua Academy
- Community Action Program - Diapers
- Dream Center Media - funds for Transportation
- Evansville ARC - books
- Junior Achievement - sponsorship of one class
- Koch Family Children's Museum - Sponsor field trips to the museum
- Little Lamb's - Booster seats
- Patchwork Central - xbox 360 with Sensors
- PYSA - new goals, nets, field maintenance
- Potter's Will - sponsorship of 5 group programs
- Rehab Center - Easter Seals Adaptive Tricycle
- Ronald McDonald House - Food and Diapers
- Smile on Down's Syndrome - Art Supplies for an Art Program
- Toys for Tots - Toys
- Vanderburgh Co. Casa - laptop Computer

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- Wesselman's Nature Center-300 kids to the center - transportation
- Youth First - (An elf walked by and I missed it)
- WYCA - Educational Supplies for a Child Therapist program

Jeff closed the meeting at 12:50 with the request that all recipients to pose for a picture (see below)

Happy Holidays to all. . .let your Optimism brighten the day.

Karen Morris



Ed Harrison  
Memorial  
Golf Scramble



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YMCA  
Camp Carson

Santa  
Clothes Club

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