



# “Optimist OPTICS”

*“Dare to Care”*



## Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Rich Hawley - President

### This Week's Program

Jan 13th - Youth First

### Next Week's Program

Jan 27th - Kathern Kornblume, Parenting Time



It was a historic day for the Downtown Optimist Club. We held our first “Zoom” meeting for members. Plus, Governor Bill Cherolis also joined us.

President Rich started the meeting at 12:04pm. We had a total of 14 people in the Zoom meeting.

Dan Phillips could not attend so Rich read the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. He then asked Gary Burk to lead us in reciting the Optimist Creed.

Rich then introduced our guest speakers, Julie Hoon, Vice President of Philanthropy and Parri Black, President and CEO. He also introduced the Governor of Indiana South District, Bill Cherolis.

We went directly to the speakers and Zoom Host Ron, who “shared the screen” to Julie so she could show her Power Point Presentation which would be put on everyone’s screen to see. Pretty cool, stuff!!

Youth First’s purpose is to work with youth and families to strengthen them primarily by working with schools, churches, and government. They have 80+ Social Workers with 303 Prevention Programs in 11 counties and 91 schools. Their impact over 42,000 students plus parents and teachers.

Julie explained that the Pandemic really changed the way they are working with schools. They quickly moved to using Zoom to stay in touch with students and teachers.

Youth First was founded by Dr. William Wooten in 1998 to help with substance abuse and healthy behavior. She cited their 3 “R’s”. Relationships, Resiliency, and Readiness.

Youth First does not charge for their services but relies on grants and donations like the \$1000 our Foundation gave to them last year.

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Due to it being a Zoom meeting we dispensed with Buddy Prizes, and other club shenanigans.

We used our free 40 minutes and timing was just about perfect as the meeting ended.

**Our meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> will also be a Zoom meeting.** Ron will be sending out a link for you to join the meeting. If you have never used Zoom, all you need is a computer with camera, or laptop, click the provided link and when asked, allow your computer to use your computer audio. After that, the host admits the people to the meeting. It's that easy.

Ron Eberhart – Newsletter Writer



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