



“Optimist OPTICS”

"Dare to Care"



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Josh Paulson - President

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

Feb 9th —TBA

Feb 23rd —TBA



It was another great day, sunny but chilly as the Downtown Optimist Club held its second meeting in January. We were meeting in the sunny fish bowl room. Josh Paulson called the meeting to order and Dan Phillips came forward and led us in an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag then then we recited our Optimist Creed.



Several Announcements: Josh discussed our recent board of Directors meeting. He mentioned that the club had voted to conduct a NOW meeting (New Optimists Wanted) on March 9th. We also voted on adding Emily Baxter-Parker to our Board. Vote was unanimous, of course. Welcome to the Board, Emily.



Ron also mentioned that the Board had voted to donate \$100 to the memory of Karen Morris' mother who has recently passed away. We sent a check to the Alzheimer's Association. Karen was present and thanked the club for our donation.



Our president, Josh, received his President's Pin after the meeting...in a big ceremony. It went missing and was found. He should have received it back in October of last year.



Sunshine Report from Ron. He read an email from Emily Baxter regarding her husband and asked for prayers. He is in Louisville Hospital with kidney problems which is complicated by also having Covid Virus. Ron also mentioned that Gary Burk missed the meeting due to a doctor's appointment.



Jeff Olson's name was drawn, but no Jeff. Money collected will be offered again next meeting in a drawing.



Sarg of Arms, Rich Hawley, was his usual jovial self. He asked several Trivia Questions. He started by trying to shame us by saying these questions were from "Are you smarter than a 5th grader"? Only one group had a corrected answer. Won't mentioned any names, but it was Ron's group. Question was: Who was president when Lewis and Clark made their exposition. Even though Ken Dennis was alive back then he couldn't remember. Thomas Jefferson was the correct answer. Question: What is the capital of New Hampshire? Answer: Concord. We all knew that, didn't we? France had a queen. Of course. Marie Antoinette. Group one botched that question. When asked about where were his "dumb" jokes, Rich said...."of yeow"...."I forgot".....lucky for us.....Continued on Next Page

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We had several donate conscience money...we collected 17 bucks. Just about everyone gave.

Our speaker today was Jennifer Kerns with the Evansville Christian Life Center. The Evansville Christian Life Center was formed over 30 years ago to help those struggling in poverty. When a nearly 100-year-old monastery building was given to Bethel Church in 1986, our work of restoring people from need to potential in Christ began. Jennifer started her presentation discussing the Covid virus. For them, it was sort of a good thing. It helped them evaluate their programs. For example, they were serving 500 to 600 hot meals per day. They had to shut the operation down March 20, 2020 due to the virus. After they reopened, they only had a few people show up. They surmised they were staying home and not getting out. Consequently, they canceled the program. They did start a food bank program where a family can receive two weeks of food for \$20. Another program is medical and dental care from a building donated to them by CFC Church. It is located on Evansville’s eastside on Bellemeade Avenue.

In addition they have a clothing bank for needy people. Also, they have a 16-week program (GAIN) to help individuals better their lives by helping them learn to remove barriers to success.

Thanks Jennifer for your great program.

See ya on February 9th ...
Ron Eberhart



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