

Emily Baxter Parker President

"Dare to Care"

Downtown Optimist Club of Evansville



Meetings: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 11:45 am

Old National Bank - Bob Jones Family Community Room Riverside Drive at Main Street



Next Week's Program

This Week's Program

Mar 13th—New Tech High School

Mar 27th—TBA















Golf Scramble

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It's time for another whirlwind update from the Downtown Optimist Club, where laughter is abundant, resilience is our middle name, and Emily Parker, our illustrious President, had the audacity to take a break to celebrate Black History Month! Fear not, for Emily called in the reserves, and yours truly, Ron Eberhart, stepped up to steer the ship. And what a ride it was!

The meeting kicked off with a moment of reflection, as Ron led us in a prayer that was so profound. Then, with patriotic fervor, we pledged our allegiance to the American Flag and recited the Optimist Creed, setting the tone for the optimistic odyssev that lay ahead.

Sunshine Wellness Report: In the battle of man versus sciatic nerve, Jeff Olson is putting up a valiant fight, though the odds seem stacked against him. Meanwhile, Gary Burk is once again MIA, and Bob Shetler is keeping his leg up while recovering from a blood clot – talk about keeping it leg-endary!

Dueling Sarges: Dan and Rich tag-teamed their way through the meeting with finesse. Dan skillfully fleeced us with conscientious money, while Treasurer Todd couldn't resist contributing a fiver out of guilt. And let's not forget Sally Olson, who walked away with the \$8 Half Pot victory, leaving us all in awe of her luck!

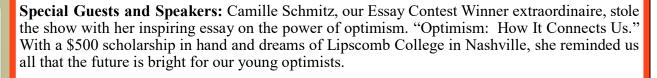
Rich kept us on our toes with trivia questions, challenging our brains in the best way possible. From the boiling point of water to the largest organ in the human body (hint: it's not what you'd expect!), we learned that laughter is the best medicine, even when it comes in the form of tricky trivia.

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Our featured speaker, Christin Eberhard, Director of Operations at Cancer Pathways (formerly known as Gilda's House), touched our hearts with their mission to support cancer patients and their families. It was formed 10 years ago and worked with over 1300 members last year. She explained that 84% of the donations collected goes to helping their members.. They provide mental and emotional health support. They offer free individual counseling as well as family counseling to people fighting cancer. Their mission is to provide individualized support and resources to anyone impacted by cancer. With a Comfort Wagon filled with hope, toys, and essentials for the journey ahead, they reminded us that even in the darkest times, there's light to be found. Our Foundation donated \$1000 to them last year to purchase these Comfort Wagons.





As we bid adieu to another unforgettable meeting, let's carry the spirit of optimism with us until we meet again in two weeks for another dose of laughter, camaraderie, and maybe even a few surprises!



Stay optimistic, stay resilient, and remember together, we can conquer anything. Don't miss our next meeting on lucky 13th with speaker Linda Schaffer, Entrepreneurial Academy teacher and Jacob Barnwell and Elie Duff, New Tech juniors who won the UE Changemaker Challenge.



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Yours in optimism, Ron Eberhart Chief Optimism Officer Downtown Optimist Club



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