



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
Downtown Evansville



This Week's Program

Apr 24th—TBA

Next Week's Program

May 8th—TBA



Call to order: President Emily Parker rang the bell at 12:11 PM and led the invocation, pledge & Optimist Creed



Announcements: President Emily reported that the Optimist Club presented eclipse glasses to the Boys and Girls Club. We will ask them to share photos of the day.



The Optimist Board met last week. It was decided that Dan Phillips will contact members who have not paid. Ken Dennis is looking for someone to replace him as Foundation president.



Agencies that receive our funding will be invited to the NOW meeting. Date to be announced.



Sunshine report: Michelle was not feeling well today. President Emily asked about Gary Burk and Dr. Bender but no one present had any news to share. Dr. Olson was absent with his bad back, but is walking more.



Sgt. at Arms: Conscience money was collected from everyone present which included Emily, Todd Wahl, Ken Dennis, Josh Paulson, Dan Phillips, and Sally Olson



Since this is the basketball state, Sgt. Dan collected no money for his basketball trivia:
1) When IU won the NCAA tourney in 1987, MVP went to:
Steve Alford or Keith Smart
answer was Keith Smart
2) When IU won the NCAA tourney in 1981, MVP went to:
answer was Isaiah Thomas
3) True or False-MVP for 2024 NCAA tourney was Tristen Newton?
answer was True

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Speaker: President Emily introduced Helen Anderson from Smile on Down Syndrome

The agency serves over 170 people in the Evansville and surrounding territory. The use of Optimist funding was announced. A summer class was created with 2 sessions. One is for ages 3-12 and the other for ages 13 and up. Among other activities will be painting and a field trip to Mesker Park Zoo.

Other programs include arts & smarts and a Wednesday dance class which performs for the community. Our Pres. Emily would like to arrange for them to perform at one of our meetings. There are 8 in the dance group.

SMILE partners with USI for cooking classes at Crossroads Christian Church.

There is also a class with parents as partners for children from birth to 5 years.

SMILE is looking for ways to increase capital. Oct. 5 is Smile Mile at Vanderburgh 4H Center. Last year raised \$85,000 and this year's goal is \$100,000.

Our club members had several questions for Helen which provided the following information.

*Life expectancy for someone with Down has expanded and is now 65 years.

*One in 620 children have Down syndrome.

*There is a slightly greater risk for a child with Down to have a sibling with Down-2% versus 1%

Pres. Emily thanked Helen and said a pen will be presented at a later date.

Adjournment: 12:46 PM

Next meeting is April 24th. No speaker is scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Olson

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