



“Optimist OPTICS”

“Dare to Care”



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Josh Paulson - President

This Week's Program

June 8th —TBA

Next Week's Program

June 22nd —TBA



Correction from last week's bulletin: For Evansville's event titled Imagine Evansville is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2022 (6:30-8:30 PM ONB Atrium). An incorrect date was listed in the bulletin last week.



Pres. Josh called the meeting to order. Tim gave the opening prayer. Josh led members in the Pledge and Optimist Club Creed.



Josh announced the Board voted at the May 19th meeting to make Doc Bender an Honorary Member for his lifelong achievements, dedication to the Club and our mission. As a result, his Club dues will be waived as a thank you for his dedication to our Club.



Pres. Josh called Michelle Brummett and Michael Wall to the front to award them with the Optimist Club button (long overdue due to supply chain issues) and Michelle the O.I. sticker.



We welcomed back our Sarge, Rich Haley who conducted the drawing which went to Michelle. She tried to return her winnings, but Rich pointed out, that wasn't allowed. He collected money from Josh and Mike B. (last day of school for their kids), Michael Wall, Jeff and then Sally contributed money in reference to a talk she gave recently. Rich collected money from one-third of the members for not guessing his tough trivia question. Two groups correctly answered the trivia questions! Rich left us with a quote: Don't condition yourself to fail but believe in yourself! Good optimist wisdom, Rich!



Mike Burk reminded members of the valued project we do in placing an American Flag and Optimist Club card on the graves of those members who have passed. He provided us with information to find the gravestones that were both a paper option and a phone Google Earth option. Great job Mike. Some members will be placing flags prior to Saturday with the balance being placed this Saturday. Members are to meet this Saturday at 7:00 AM at Golden Corral (130 N. Cross Pointe Blvd., Evansville). We will then head to respective cemeteries as Mike directs.



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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Tim introduced the guest speaker (and daughter), Candace Chapman, Director of Downtown Development for E-REP. She gave an overview of their activities since 2016 –

- Created the Economic Improvement District
- 460 housing units have been added
- 495 hotel rooms built
- 44 shops and restaurants added with 5 under construction
- Reduced commercial vacant square feet downtown by 42%
- Built Mickey’s Kingdom
- Skatepark will break ground this spring
- LST relocation
- Public space improvements: Walnut Street Connector stretching from Vann to 4th St., Post House Park, Self.e Alley, Game Room Alley
- An active, accessible riverfront: River Vision ideation.

Candace also talked about the 5th and Main St. project which has faced obstacles from COVID, inflation and supply chain for steel that’s required for the project. The project is slowly moving forward. She also shared the vision for the riverfront that needs the support of the entire community. She opened it up for Q&A which was also informative.

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