

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

Aug 23rd—Mary Bower Evansville Museum

Next Week's Program

Sept 13th—Holly's House













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Our president, Emily Baxter, began the meeting at 12:08pm. In tow with her today was her grand daughter Raquel "Rocky". Cute girl and smart too. We started with the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag, followed by an invocation from Emily, and then reciting our Optimist Creed.

Sunshine Report - No reported illnesses. No update on Dr. Bender. We assume he is living "thee" life at the "home". Returnees were Ken Dennis. Great to see you Ken.

Emily asked for an update regarding the Foundation and upcoming funds request. Ron had asked for any suggestions regarding wording about priorities for getting a grant.

Our "shakedown Sarge" was next. Michael Wall began with the ½ pot drawing. Ken Dennis' name was drawn for the second week in- a-row and he won \$7 bucks. Congratulations, Ken. Conscience Money was collected from many including, Ken Dennis, Josh Paulson, Bob Shetler, Michelle Brummett, and Mike Wall.

Trivia questions from the Sarge: What animal cannot stick out their tongue? A crocodile, of course. What's the best way to catch a kangaroo? Lift its tail and then it cannot hop.

Next up was our speaker, Jamie Dill with "Be Kind for Ollie". Jamie has made it her life mission to help children in the community. She is an Evansville local and graduated from Castle High School and University of Southern Indiana. She is married with two sons. Owen and Ollie.

She has appeared in local and national news including Good Morning American to educate caregivers in car seat safety and hot car death prevention. Jamie Volunteers with Deaconess Hospice and Alexander Funeral Homes.

Jamie started by recounting her personal story of how she lost her son Ollie in an over heated car. Apparently her husband who normally did not take Ollie to the daycare took him to work with him. She explained why this could happen and many people can't understand how you could leave a child in their car in the summer.

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She sited stress, lack of sleep, the same routine, and your habit memory.

In trying to continue her life said what can I do to help her grief bereavement? She decided to create the Foundation for Ollie which has a staff of 6. She has since been on several tv stations including WFLA, K Love, GMA. She has created a new PSA and established 3 lending libraries with books and information on how to handle grief. They will be having a Benefit Dinner to raise money on February 24, 2024. Last year they raised over \$17,500. They also created 200 comfort bags they have given to several organizations for the kids.

Since 1990, 1069 children have died in an over heated car. Unfortunately it averages about 53 children every year.

One last point. She said that the temperature in a car can rise 20 degrees in 10 minutes.

Our next meeting on the 23rd will feature Mary Bower, Executive Director, with the Evansville Museum. We will meet at Noon at the museum for a guided tour.

Ron Eberhart, Newsletter Writer.





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