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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

Oct 11th—Jessica Nix & Stephanie Webb
Benchmark Family Service

Next Week's Program

Oct 25th—TBA



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Our President Emily was conducting her last meeting of her current term as President. She commenced the meeting at 12:15pm. She led the group with an invocation, Pledge to Our Flag, and Optimist Creed.

Sunshine Report - Doc Bender is doing great. In fact we will be meeting at Riverpoint Health care Facility 3001 Galaxy Drive on Wednesday, November 8th. at noon. A meal will be provided.

Announcements - Ron gave a brief recap of the Golf Scramble with Holly's House. No word on amount of money raised.

Youth Appreciation Week Student Placement - Several have been placing and Ron is sending out daily updates.

Foundation Grants - we have 30 requests. *The Board of the Foundation will have a meeting to review the grants after the regular meeting on Wednesday, October 25th. We will discuss and select which organizations will receive a grant.*

Our mean ole Sarge was next. M. Wall extracted money from members. Many contributed for Conscience Money. The October Buddy List has not been sent out so no drawing this week. Next Sarge asked several Trivia Questions. What is Walmart's number 1 selling item?? If you said Bananas you would be correct. What country issued the first speeding ticket. England. 1/2 pot drawing. Bob Shetler's name was drawn but Bob was not attending today.....so the pot continues to grow.

Our speaker today was Jessica Nix with Benchmark Family Services who place children in foster homes. Even though the organization was started in 1994, the local affiliate open this past March. She gave us some statistics. Through August, 378 kids were out of their normal home. 226 were with relatives, 124 in foster homes. Stephanie Webb also spoke.

Their organization tries to find people and train them to be foster parents. The organization spends 20 hours training adults where as the local child placement services only trains for 10 hours. Their purpose is to provide stable and caring homes for youth in need of out-of-home care. Their mission is to advocate for children by ensuring opportunities for healthy physical, psychological and emotional growth and development in the most normal and least restrictive setting possible.

The next meeting will be October 25th. Be there or be square.
Ron Eberhart....Scribe

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