

"Optimist OPTICS"

"Dare to Care"



Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

Rich Hawley - President

This Week's Program

Next Week's Program

Nov 10th - TBA

Nov 24th - TBA



Call to Order: 12:07 PM

New President Josh Paulson rang the bell.

Members present totaled 10 and nearly everyone was a returnee!



Led by Dan Phillips

followed by Pledge of Allegiance and the Optimists' Creed

Half Pot

Jon Perkins' name was drawn, but he was not present to collect.

Sarge Rich

collected conscience money from Ron, Dan, Jeff, Sally, Bob, and Doc Bender

Trivia from Sarge Rich

started with Bad Dad jokes-

What did the spooky fog say to the grass? I mist you!

What did one plate say to the other plate? Dinner is on me!

(someone answered Let's get dirty together, but that was incorrect.)

1. How long did the Pony Express exist?

unfortunately table #1 guessed wrong

2. Who brought Halloween to America? Irish

table #2 answered correctly

3. What state produces the most pumpkins? Illinois

President's Report

Board of Directors- met yesterday

Youth Appreciation Breakfast-next Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, 7:00 am at Old National Events Plaza; pay \$15 at the door

18 months

Grant presentations-Wed. Nov. 17th in regular meeting room-66 chairs will be plenty

Youth Appreciation Week-Wed. Dec.8th at Old National Events Plaza

catered box lunch from Just Rennie's will be \$10 or probably

\$12 to include their delicious cookie

Old National Bank catering is another option

A third place is the only other one allowed but is more

expensive according to Rich

Memorial
Golf Scramble

Ed Harrison

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Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support for



Suzanne Draper, Executive Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

An Evansville native, raised by parents who adopted her, Suzanne always wanted to be a social worker and give back to the community. She had experience working for the State of Indiana in Indianapolis for 2 years, then returned to Evansville and worked 10 years in child protection recruiting foster parents.

On staff of CASA, Suzanne trains volunteers to work with alleged victims of abuse or neglect. The children, from infancy to 21, are wards of the state in foster homes. CASA had started in 1976 in Seattle when a juvenile court judge wanted a lay person to make recommendations for children. By 1984, Evansville had CASA in operation thanks to Judge Lensing and Joan David. About 21 new volunteers have been trained this year after Covid put a damper on plans. Volunteers go into the homes, learn about substance abuse, child abuse, and poverty as contributing to foster care. Volunteers do over \$750,000 worth of work, are intrigued by



the court system, and make recommendations to the court. Many volunteers are over age 60, with 80-90% being Caucasian and 79% are women. Last year 1270 children were served by CASA volunteers.

Currently 166 children are being helped with 284 on a waiting list.

Adjournment: 1:05 PM

Members all enjoyed a piece of cake for Doc Bender's 99th birthday coming up Nov. 6. Thanks Dan for bringing in the cake and slicing it for everyone! Doc said it was the best cake he ever ate!

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Olson







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