

"Optimist OPTICS" - continued



President Hawley congratulated the folks still in the running for perfect attendance. He mentioned large pay-outs and fantastic prizes . . . your attendance is desired. Looking for some gal pals to return for a more "balanced" group. . . you know who you are.. .Come Back Please!!

At this point in the program, we welcomed back Nina Fuller and her guest Addie from "Smile on

Down Syndrome". Nina always presents an inspiring program and did not disappoint today. T-shirts were won with the answer to a number of trivia questions with Down's syndrome.

Down's Syndrome, also known as Trisomy 21, is a genetic disorder caused by the presence of all or part of a third copy of Chromosome 21. Nina and her husband parent two beautiful daughters with Down's Syndrome. Twenty Five years ago when Tess, her oldest daughter was born, there were no support systems or resources in place. Our community was blessed when 20 years ago, Nina began "Smile on Down's Svndrome".

There are three types of Down's Syndrome: Traditional

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Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:45am Old National Bank Building, Downtown; Blue and Gold Room Mail Club at: P.O. Box 15905, Evansville, Indiana 47716 - 0905 www.evansvilledowntownoptimist.org **Evansville Downtown Charitable Foundation. Inc.**



Smile on Down's provides a number of resources to local families that are facing the challenges of raising a Down's child. These beautiful children want the same things every child wants. their families may be strapped emotionally and financially to care for their children and they greatly depend on Smile On Down's as a resource. As with many organizations this year, fundraising has been greatly impacted and yet the need has not abated. If you are looking for a worthy cause to support, consider Smile on Down's.

The meeting wrapped up with Nina leading us in singing "Happy Birthday" to President Rich. Should you see Rich, wish him "Happy Birthday" . . . and ask him, "Where's the Beef?" Happy Birthday Rich. .. Enjoy your special day. Until next meeting, live the creed and stay safe.

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Your friend in Optimism and stand-in minute taker,

Karen Morris

