

# "Optimist OPTICS"

"Dare to Care"



### Optimist Club of Evansville - Downtown

**Rich Hawley - President** 

### This Week's Program

**Next Week's Program** 

Nov 25th - Donaldson Capital Management

Dec 9th - TBA

















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President Rich Hawley welcomed our crew back to the Bob Jones Community room today with a bell ring to call the meeting to order at 12:13. While the numbers were low today, spirits were high. After greeting everyone, Rich led us in a very thoughtful prayer, followed by the Pledge to our flag and recitation of the Optimist Creed. Our President reminded us that in the midst of Covid, while all are encouraged to attend, those that feel at risk or are uncomfortable with the recent Covid spikes, please come back when you feel the time is right. In the meantime, you are missed.

#### **Some announcements:**

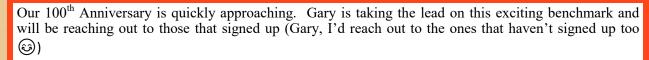
- With the uptick of Covid, please be checking your emails regularly for possible last minute changes to meetings times and formats. Currently we are meeting in the Bob Jones community room but that may change in the near future with banking centers closing their doors and taking clients either by appointment or via the drive-thru.
- The next **Board meeting is scheduled for December 15**, 2020 and tentatively will be by Zoom. Please watch your emails.
- We have **meetings scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>** to finish out 2020. Currently, we do not have guest speakers for either December meeting. I think we will likely have some type of holiday meeting for the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have a guest speaker, your suggestions would be appreciated.
- Our January meetings are scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>...we have guest speakers lined up for both of those meetings. Mark your calendars. 2021 has got to be better (see my optimism).
- An email went out regarding the **Santa Clothes club. Please send donations back by December 9**<sup>th</sup> if possible and make **checks payable to the Downtown Optimist Club Foundation**. If you are not currently able to attend, you can mail your check to our P.O. Box 3882, Evansville, IN 47737 address. Our foundation will match dollar for dollar the first \$1500. Your donation goes to helping kids in our community with clothing needs. This year, \$100 will completely clothe one boy or girl with an outfit including a pair of jeans, a shirt, 9 pairs of underwear, 10 pairs of socks, gloves, gym shoes and a hooded coat. Their goal is to raise \$250,000 in order to clothes 2500 of the Tri-State's school children.

Mike Burk addressed the group with a request that the Foundation open up a new category for a scholarship for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired and set aside an additional \$500. Ron Eberhart suggested taking a vote with many of the foundation members present. Karen suggested the motion and approval of such should be within the parameters of a Foundation meeting and not within the club meeting. It was decided the Foundation would meet to discuss after the regular meeting.

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
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Our very own Dan Phillips played "Sarge" for the group. Both questions were focused on Thanksgiving. For the record, the first big Thanksgiving celebration occurred from which Southern State:

South Carolina, Virginia or Georgia—The answer was Virginia



We were given a second chance with the question, "In preparing turkeys, which is the best place to put the thermometer? On the back, in the thigh or in the breast. The unanimous answer was "In the breast", which is the thickest part of the bird.. but unfortunately the wrong answer. The correct answer was in the thigh.



Our second chance question was which President first celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday? Roosevelt was the correct answer.

Rich then invited our guest speakers, Beth Dietsch and Ellen Rogier, with Donaldson Capital Management, to update the group. Welcome Beth to our club as our newest member.



Beth gave a very information review and ended with a thank you for allowing Donaldson Capital Management to manage the foundation money. Pictures were made as Rich drew the meeting to a close.



Rich is going to check with Josh regarding the possibility of our annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing. We may be shortening our time commitment to ½ of a day based on group participation. The tentative date on this is December 18, 2020. Stay tuned for more on the Salvation Annual Bell Ringing.



The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Until our next meeting, stay well, stay happy and stay Optimistic. We are missing members and want to see your happy faces. To all, have a blessed Thanksgiving. This is the year that we didn't get everything we wanted but are thankful for everything we have.



Sitting in for November's Minute Taker--Karen





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