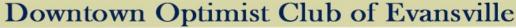
# Circle of Leaders for this year!

"Dare to Care"







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

Mar 12rh — Ashley McReynolds Albion Fellows Bacon

## Next Week's Program

Mar 26th — Verdelski Miller Boom Squad



## February 26, 2025 Meeting Recap

President Jeff Olson kicked off the meeting at precisely 12:11 PM—because why start at 12:10 when you can add a little suspense? He led a thoughtful prayer, followed by the Pledge to Our Flag and the Optimist Creed.



### A Special Guest!

We had a surprise visit from none other than former President and Past Lt. Governor Tim Deisher! Tim, who relocated to Colorado a few years back, graced us with his presence, and it was *soooooo* great to see him. (Yes, we needed all those extra o's.)



#### **Sunshine Report**

Karen Morris shared that Bob Shetler's wife, Candy, was in the hospital. We're sending prayers and positive vibes her way.



#### Sarges Gone Rogue

With our usual Sarges missing in action (probably on a top-secret Optimist mission), Josh Paulson and Ron Eberhart stepped up to the plate.

- First, Josh collected conscience money—turns out, Optimists are a guilty bunch!
- Then came the half-pot drawing... and guess who won? President Jeff Olson! (Cue the dramatic gasps and conspiracy theories.)



#### Trivia Time – NBA Edition!

Ron Eberhart quizzed us on NBA history:

- Who was the oldest player to play in the NBA? Answer: Nat Hickey, who played until he was almost 46. (Apparently, the secret to longevity is avoiding retirement.)
- Who holds the record for the longest NBA career? **Answer:** LeBron James, currently at 22 years and counting. (Maybe he really is from another planet.)



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# **Optimist Newsletter Continued**

### **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

- Todd Wahl provided an update on our tax-exempt status—Indiana responded, but in true bureaucratic fashion, they'll "be back in touch soon."
- We discussed lending a hand at the *Tri-State Food Bank* during one of their "blitz" campaigns. The next one is Saturday, March 12, where we'll help prepare food boxes. (No experience needed—just two hands and a willingness to help!)

## **Guest Speaker: Kathryn Kornblum – Parenting Time Center**

Our Foundation has supported Parenting Time Center for years, and Kathryn Kornblum gave us an inside look at the incredible work they do. Founded in 2009, their mission is to help parents and children build positive relationships in a safe and nurturing environment.

- They've worked with families for **over 6,000 hours** and helped **more than 225 children** last year. Our Foundaton has given them grants for several years.
- When families are separated, they provide a safe space for parents and children to bond.
- Kathryn shared five powerful success stories of parents reconnecting with their children, proving that their work truly changes lives.
- Their vision is to break the cycle of fragile families through services, partnerships, and collaboration.

Kathryn finished by talking about the special book, "Little Mole Finds Hope" by Glenys Nellist which they were able to help purchase with a grant from our Foundation.

**Next Meeting: March 12th!** 

Josh Paulson will take over as president, with guest speaker Ashley McReynolds from Albion

Fellows Bacon Center. Mark your calendars and bring your Optimist spirit! See you there!

Ron Eberhart, Scribe.





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