

Emily Baxter Parker 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 23rd — Changing of The Guard

Next Week's Program

Thurs, Nov 7th — 7:00am at Crescent Room Outstanding Youth Breakfast & Job Shadowing



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Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble





Downtown Optimist Club Newsletter - "Circle of Leaders" Edition

Our journey into the "Circle of Leaders" began with none other than the fabulous *Past President Karen Morris* stepping up as our President for the day! She took charge at exactly 12:15 pm, as punctual as ever. Sally Olson, the ever-thoughtful sage, delivered a lovely invocation, and we followed it up by pledging to our Flag and reciting the Optimist Creed—our club's triple-play opener!

Announcements Galore!

Karen kicked things off by announcing the much-anticipated *Changing of the Guard*, set for **October 23rd**. Mark your calendars! The event will take place at the **ONB Bob Jones Family Community Room** at noon. Not only will we be installing the new officers, but we'll also be indulging in two delicious entrees (no less!) and several sides from *Just Rennies*—a feast fit for Optimists! All this for just \$20. Reservations are a must, so don't forget to let Karen know. Ron has sent out an email because, well, we all need reminders! Karen.morris@oldnational.com

In other exciting news:

- The Youth Appreciation Breakfast will be served bright and early on Thursday, November 7th at 7am in the *Crescent Room*, *Bellemeade Avenue at Cullen*. Just \$12, folks. Same spot as last year, so you don't have to worry about getting lost before your morning coffee kicks in.
- On **November 20th**, we'll honor the *Youth of the Day* from four schools at our regular meeting.
- And the grand finale? On **December 11th**, we're presenting **over \$25,000** in **grants** to organizations that, like us, focus on working with kids!

Don't forget to dust off your bell-ringing arms because we'll be *ringing bells at Walmart East* in December, thanks to our chair, *Josh Paulson*.

Sunshine Report

Karen brought us a mixed bag of news—*Emily Parker's father* passed away, and details for the funeral are pending. Keep Emily in your thoughts. As for *Gary Burk*... still MIA. We'll send out a search party soon, we promise. On a more organizational note, Karen's planning ahead, reserving dates for our 2025 meetings at ONB. Always thinking ahead, that one!

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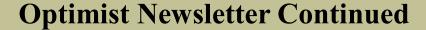




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Assistant Sergeant Dan Phillips Takes the Stage!

Dan stepped up to collect our beloved *conscience money*—some of us were feeling extra guilty today, it seems! As usual, *Rich Hawley* was MIA (someone check if he's hiding from Dan!). Dan then put us all to the test with some hurricane trivia:

- What hurricane hit the US twice? Ivan, back in 1994.
- Which hurricane was the most expensive? Katrina, of course!

Our half-pot hopeful was *Shannon Perry*, but alas, no winner. The pot grows... making next week's meeting all the more exciting.

No Speaker, But Plenty of Work!

It was a *working meeting* this time around, but that didn't stop us from having a good time! Just a reminder: **don't miss the Changing of the Guard** at our next meeting on October 23rd. It's bound to be a day of fun, food, and festivities! See you there, fellow Optimists!

Ron Eberhart, Scribe







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