

#### **Emily Baxter Parker** President "Dare to Care"

# **Downtown Optimist Club of Evansville**



Nov 20th — Youth Appreciation Students Recognition with Meal

Dec 13th — Foundation Grant Awards



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# Downtown Optimist Club News | November 20th Edition

## 12:12 pm - Karen Calls Us to Order!

Our illustrious President, Karen Morris, kicked off today's meeting precisely at 12:12 pm, showing once again her knack for impeccable timing! After a thoughtful prayer from Ron Eberhart and our traditional Pledge and Optimist Creed, Karen took the floor to wrap up our annual Youth Appreciation Breakfast. A big thank you to Ron for masterfully chairing the event-those eggs never saw it coming!

#### **Job Shadowing Woes**

Karen addressed some Job Shadow program hiccups with all the humor we could muster. This year, finding placements was as tricky as finding a needle in a haystack-especially for our aspiring medical professionals. Deaconess had to sit this one out, and a few students left their sponsor calls to the very last minute, channeling their inner procrastinators. Karen asked anyone who hosted the students to send a thank-you note. It takes a village, folks!

# **Sunshine Report**

On a more heartfelt note, Karen let us know that our dear Gary Burk is currently at Encompass Health Care. She suggested we lift his spirits with a note or email at gaburk05@gmail.com, or even surprise him with some good old-fashioned snail mail at Encompass Health Care, 9355 Warrick Trail, Newburgh, IN 47630. Let's bring some Optimist sunshine his way!

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

Next week's meeting on November 20th is all about celebrating our Students of the Day from Bosse, Mater Dei, Central, and Reitz. Their proud parents and school administrators will join us as we honor each student with a plaque. Reservations are required, and for just \$10, you'll get a delicious, boxed lunch. Don't wait until the last minute-send your RSVP to Ron at ronald.eberhart@gmail.com.

#### Grants, Christmas, and Trivia Galore!

President Karen Morris took the podium and sprinkled a little holiday cheer as she reminded us of our upcoming Grant Presentation on Wednesday, December 10th at 10 am. Our Foundation will be awarding over **\$25,000** in grants to 25 deserving organizations—talk about spreading the Optimist spirit! We're excited to support so many fantastic causes, and nothing says "season of giving" like a big round of checks!



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#### Save the Date for Our Christmas Party

Don your festive attire because our **Christmas Party is on December 17th!** Bring your best holiday cheer, a healthy appetite, and maybe even a gag gift for Dangerous Dan Phillips. The details are still being worked out, but trust us, you won't want to miss it.

#### Trivia Time with Dangerous Dan

Up next was our own "Trivia King," Dan Phillips, who dazzled us with a few stumpers in honor of Veterans Day. Did you know Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day? Or that it officially became Veterans Day after WWII? It's all fun and games until you realize half of us need a refresher course in U.S. history!

### Half Pot Hijinks

And wouldn't you know it—Rich Hawley's name was pulled for the half pot! But alas, Rich was off on vacation (again), leaving his half-pot prize to collect dust. Better luck next time, Rich! If you snooze, you lose!

#### Foundation Board Meeting Wrap-Up

After the main meeting, the Foundation board gathered to finalize details for our grant awards. It was short, sweet, and to the point—no wild debates, just holiday generosity in action.

#### See November 20th for Student Appreciation Day!

Our next big event is **Student Appreciation Day** on November 20th, so be sure to join us as we honor some remarkable young people. Let's pack the room and make it a memorable day for our students and their families!



\*\*Ron Eberhart, Scribe

Hope to see everyone there for food, fellowship, and a big dose of Optimism!





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