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"Dare to Care"

Downtown Optimist Club of Evansville



Meetings: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 11:45 am Id National Bank - Bob Jones Family Communit

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This Week's Program

Dec 11th — Foundation Grant Awards

Next Week's Program

Dec 18th — Club Christmas Party



November 20th Edition: Celebrating Scholastic Superstars!



Ah, what a day it was—Wednesday, November 20th, a meeting filled with pride, gratitude, and a little turkey trivia to keep us sharp! Our Youth Appreciation Chairman, **Ron Eberhart**, stepped up to lead the charge, as President **Karen Morris** was out of town. Ron didn't just guide us through the day; he elevated it with his heartfelt Thanksgiving Prayer and thoughtful closing words for our honorees.



A Feast for the Body and Soul

The meeting kicked off with a delicious catered meal from **The Deli at ONB**—a feast fit for the occasion. Following the meal, **Olivia Knight**, one of our talented Mater Dei honorees, stepped in to hold the American Flag as we pledged allegiance. We wrapped up with the **Optimist Creed**, our timeless reminder to look on the sunny side of life.



Honoring Excellence

The spotlight of the day shone brightly on our six incredible honorees, the top scholastic seniors from area high schools. Ron, with the ever-helpful **Sally Olson**, presented the plaques as each student came forward to introduce their proud parents and share insights from their job shadow experiences.



Here's the roll call of our outstanding youth:

- Bosse High School: Alijah Stewart and Drew Ferguson
- Central High School: Tyler Brazelton and Austin Plisky
- Mater Dei High School: Jordan Bacon and Olivia Knight
- Reitz High School: Nola Logan and David Walling



We were joined by a total of 33 attendees, including students, parents, and school administrators—a full house brimming with pride and optimism!



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Gobble, Gobble Trivia

No Optimist meeting is complete without a little levity, courtesy of our Sarge, **Rich Hawley**. This week's trivia focused on Thanksgiving tidbits:

• Which U.S. President first made Thanksgiving a national holiday? Abraham Lincoln Who was the first president to pardon a turkey? Ronald Reagan, showing mercy to our feathered friends.

Rich also collected a fair share of *Conscience Money*. (We're optimistic that Ken Dennis, whose name was drawn for the Half-Pot, will return to claim it someday!)

Looking Ahead

Ron wrapped up the meeting with a few inspiring thoughts for the students before announcing our next gathering: **Foundation Grant Check Presentations** on **Wednesday**, **December 11th**, **at 10 a.m**. Mark your calendars—it's going to be another rewarding day!

Until then, keep the spirit of gratitude alive and remember, Optimists: turkey tastes better when you know your trivia!

Scribe: Ron Eberhart





















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