



## **THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA** (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia

In Person Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2023 at the Clubhouse

**Meeting began at 12:00 pm**

**Members in attendance: President Jerry Sullivan, Ed Musterman, Mary Dewey, Rick and Susie McKernan, Larry Fick, Carl Scott, Steve Winter, Mike Hatchet, C.O. Scheffer, Darryl Stockstill and Jim Murphy**

**Special Guests: Etahn Crane and Sue Sheets from Rainbow House and Mike Harvey and Barb West guest of Mary Dewey**

**Prayer: Rick McKernan**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Ed Musterman**

Recognize new members and members who are back for the first time in a while **Red Leighton is at the VA Hospital and hope to get out today.**

### **Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

Thank you again to: Sue Musterman, Joan Sullivan, Mary Dewey, Greg Schneider, Kelly Schilling and Mike Hatchett for bringing chili to the Chili Cook Off. Steve Winter for making the wonderful cornbread. Carl for his hard work and everyone who helped with clean up. If you missed it – you missed some good chili. Winning entry was Greg Schneider. Left over ice cream is available to go with today's dessert. Thanks to Ed and Rick for sending announcements, Ed for picking up food, Rick for certificates for the speaker, and Mary for note taking and Carl for clubhouse cleaning and set up.

**Pay the pig?** Steve Winter paid \$.25 for NO Name Tag, and Carl Scott paid \$.25 for the Mizzou Softball team

The board approved \$50 drawing for April, May and June has started. Contestants can enter their name once for each time they invite a new person to a club activity.

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**Minutes from April 10<sup>th</sup>** – any corrections? Vote to approve.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Little change from last meeting. Spent \$1050 for donation to Diamond Council at last Board meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Meeting info** – The April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be clubhouse at 12:00 pm. Our speaker will be Molly Delgato from the Columbia Public School – want to see there is away for us to help improve the student’s performance.

**Nominating Committee** – Ed – Vote on new Officers and Board for 23-24.

**2023-2024**

**President: Mike Hatchet**

**Board members: Steve Klein**

**1st VP: Deb Swanegan**

**Mary Dewey Ed Musterman**

**2nd VP: Still looking**

**Bonnie Yantzi Nadia Ryakmyatullo**

**Secretary: Phyllis Nichols**

**Adam Bakos**

**Treasurer: Jack Beard**

**Tony Parisio will step in Adam spot in October**

**Officer were approved and submitted to OI. We be voting on Darryl Stockstill and Tyler Miller at the upcoming Board meeting to become new members of the Downtown Optimist Club.**

**Adopt a Spot Committee** – Kelly Schilling there will be a work will be on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in the morning. If you are free on Tuesday or Thursday let her know and she will meet you out there and work the adopt a spot. April 115 Kelly and Tyler were out there pulling weeds clean up our Adopt a Spot.

**Scholarship Committee** – Nadia – Deadline was March 17. Reading is in process. 49 entries.

Nadia was reading over the application on Saturday, April 15 if anyone wanted to help her read over them.

**Car show** – Mike Russell – Will look over the list of all the car shows this summer and let us pick a date for our car show. Close to food or a group or club who would like to serve food. This will be a donation for the drivers to show their cars and then a donation from the people who are coming to see the cars. If we go to the Eagle Lodge next to the K Of Columbus building is \$200 fee if you are a member.

**Derby info** – Rick – date for derby June 11 - race cars take over clubhouse from May 9 until the week after the derby. Meeting locations for derby time are set. May 15 and June 5 at Shakespeare's South, Denver Room - and May 22 and June 12 at Lenior-Woods (where Red lives) at their Fireside Room. It is located just to the south and east of the Grindstone/E. New Haven Rd and 63 intersection.

**Bike Safety** – Mary - May 20 - Karis Church –Sign-Up Genie has been posted. Mediacom will be helping out with helmets to give away that day.

(Check with Mike) **Clubhouse work days** - Repair to the outside wall by Mark Perkins, from Keystone Masonry is done. Now need to paint the front of the building. Mortar needs cure first so no painting before mid-April. Needs prep work first. Mike's working on that. Figure on a work day on Saturday sometime in late April or early May for painting the front of the building. Mike Hatchet will be checking on the power washing of the building. The mural on the side of the building that was done by the CARE kids there is brown running down through the whole mural. Need to check with Linda to see what can be done to fix that.

**Kids Carnival** – Talked with Adam Brietzke of Big Brothers/ Big Sisters to see if we can work together on a “Kid's Carnival” behind the clubhouse before school is out. We decided a better time would be just before school starts in the summer. So, the date for our **Back to School Kid's Carnival is August 12**. I need two or three people to form half a committee to work with Big Bro Big Sisters people to decide **everything** about our first ever joint project Kid's Carnival. Adam is to call me Thursday to set that group's first meeting so let me know ASAP if you are interested. Mary Dewey and Deb Swanegan volunteer to help with Adam Brietzle on this program for Big Brothers/Sisters.

We passed on the idea of sponsoring a boat for them at the cardboard boat races at Bass Pro on April 29. Too short a time frame.

**Youth Event** – The Bill of Rights and Jeff City trip. – Rick– likely moved to fall.

Deb's church event – Deb's church is having a community event on either the 26 of August. She invited us to have a booth to promote the SBD and the Downtown Optimist Club. No cost to the club. Approved unanimously.

**Membership Committee** – Vote on new members: Tyler Miller and Darrell Stockstill – will be voted on at April 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Darryl needs to be approved by the club members first. Tyler has already been approved.

**Welcome Committee** for new members - Kelly – Need to order some shirts-

**Next Board Meeting – April 20 -**

will be voted on at April 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. There are 3 funding that night they are from:

– **Morgan Dennehy from Jr. Achievement for \$10,000; Julie Dorn from the Food Bank for \$5000; and Lisa Franco from Access Arts for \$4000. After presentations we will need to vote on recommended actions from the Board**

**Will get more info about 501c-3 from Ernie Wren from Ashland Optimist Club**

**More discussion of the Service Clubs Presidents’ meeting proposal to work jointly on a “Blitz Build” for Habitat for Humanity. They plan to build 4 houses in 10 days - September 19 through 29**

**Further discussion of Kid’s Carnival and Car Show, activities.**

**Next social event looking ideas**

**New Business**

**Third Quarter Conference – May 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> at the St. Louis Airport Inn. On the 6<sup>th</sup> the Oratorical winners will be giving their speakers and the Essay Contest winner will be reading their essay.**

**Third Quarter Conference will at the St. Louis Airport Inn**



**Other clubs’ activities** - Hallsville, Cinco de Mayo May 5, taco bar and band, Sunrise Optimist Club Trivia Night on Saturday, May 6 at 6:00 pm



**Join us for an all-day excursion to beautiful Augusta, MO**

Round trip bus transportation from Columbia to Augusta  
Time to explore historic downtown Augusta  
3-course chef-prepared lunch and cruise aboard luxury yacht "Miss Augusta"

Tour and tasting at Mt. Pleasant Winery

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

**8:30 - 5:00**

**\$175 (includes all taxes and gratuities)**

**Reservation Deadline: Monday, April 17 (no refunds after this date)**

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**PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL CHILDREN'S ORGANIZATIONS**

Carl talked about the Basketball Pool we raised \$25.00 for Children Cancer

The winner was **Mike Hatchet Turtles Clusters**

Carl also let us know about event that will take place at Burr Oak Brewery on April 25 from 6 to 8 pm cost is \$30.00 for all you can each wing. He also told about the Meals on Wheels fundraiser from April 24 through 28 in ordering lunches from Panera Bread Company.

Jerry said there was Metal Health fair at Hickman High School we can go to on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 12:45 pm

**Speaker for the Day** – Andrew Grabau from United Way Topic the Give Five Program.

**Optimist Creed was recited and meeting adjourned at**

**Jerry Sullivan, President**

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# April 2023

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May 2023 ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Kids Optimist Club Ham and Bean w/ Trivia night 6:00 pm American Legion
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Club meeting at the Club House at 6:00 pm	<b>4</b> Election Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> Club meeting at the Club House at 12:00 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Club meeting at the Club House at 12:00 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Club meeting at the Club House at 12:00 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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	<b>1</b> Club meeting at the Club House at 12:00 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> EMO 3th QTR Conference at the St. Louis Airport Inn from 5:00 to 10 pm	<b>6</b> EMO 3th QTR Conference at the St. Louis Airport Inn from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Sunrise Optimist Club Trivia night at 6:00 pm at their club house
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Club meeting at the Club House at 12:00 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Club meeting at the Shakespeare South Pizza 12:00 pm	<b>16</b> Kids 1 <sup>st</sup> Optimist Club trip to Augusta, MO from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Club meeting at the Lenoir Woods in the Fireside Room at 12:00 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> NO Club meeting  Memorial Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

