



## THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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### Downtown Optimist Club Zoom Meeting Newsletter

December 14 and 21, 2020

#### Members attended:

On December 14 meeting: Club President, Tony Parisio Rick McKernan, Mary Dewey, Jerry Sullivan, Ed Musterman, Scott Stager, C.O. Scheffer, Jim Murphy, Steve Winter and our new member Brian Haberberger. Our Special Guest was Liz Christman (Governor) and Patricia Kanyike from the Ungrawee (Optimist Club of Kampala)

Prayer/Pledge for December 7: Ed Musterman Pledge and Rick McKernan Prayer

No Birthdays or Anniversary that I could remember

Don't forget to pay your social dues if you haven't yet. The second notice has been sent out to you now. There will be one more reminder sent out later. After that if, you haven't paid your due by then you will be dropped from our club roster. I do not want to see one be dropped for forgetting to pay their social dues.

Steve Winter says the last order is due to Ed Harre by Wednesday this week. The order will be in on Thursday, December 10 and he will need help unloading and putting the order together.

C.O. reported there was not too many trees left on the lot and will be sold out before the weekend. Thank everyone for their hard work in selling the Christmas Trees.

Brian Haberberger told us about himself. He works in the evening at the hospital

Tony Parision

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Tony Parison and Jim Murphy would like to Thank everyone who came out Saturday, December 19 and clean up the tree lot this year. There were 11 of us and we got everything put up for the winter. Even the soapbox derby trailer moved back over from across the street back into the lot.

C.O. Scheffer said, "We sold out of all the trees in 13 days from the beginning of our sales on Black Friday." Thank you everyone for your hard work. He will get back to us about what made this year on trees and Koeze nuts.

Steve Winter said "Last order is in and ready to be picked up." The only stuff left on the lot are 10 jars of puddle (both dark and milk chocolate) and bags of Amish Peanut Brittle.

Mary read a card from Ken Oster's wife Thank us all for the phone calls, the cards and prayers for Ken. He has done great and recovering well. He is getting stronger every day and will be back soon. Thank you again.

Rick McKernan talked about the Essay and Speak Contest and us joining with the other Optimist Clubs in Columbia. Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Optimist Club wasn't to join with them with since we both will going after the same age group of kids. They also want us to help with cash prizes for both contest. We need to follow up with them to see how much they are going to be putting in and the other clubs before we know what we give.

Rick also talked about a selfie with piece of the Optimist Creed that's placed around town. This is a family activity to show families in the community what we do as Optimist and what the creed is talking about. There will be 10 different locations or business where you can find the creed in town. You when then need to take a picture of yourself the creed and let us know what it means to you and then place it on our Facebook page to share with others in the community.

Tony Parision



**Reminder come join us every Monday for our Zoom meeting. At these meeting you can see our club members and other special guest from around the world and the Untied States.**