



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

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### **Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia**

#### **In Person Meeting**

**Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> , 2023 at the Clubhouse**

**Meeting began at 12:00 pm**

#### **Members in attendance:**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>: Brent Sappington, Steve Klein, Deb Swanegan, Charlie L., Dave Murphy, Pat Brown, Ed Musterman, Mike Hachett, Ken Oster, President Jerry Sullivan, Mary Dewey, Carl Scott, Daryl Stockstill, Tony Parriso, Rick McKernan, and C.O. Scheffer.**

**Special Guests: Major Kevin Cedarvall, Salvation Army and his wife Amy Cedarvall and Barbra West**

#### **Members in attendance:**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>: Travis Kempf, President Jerry Sullivan, Daryl Stockstill, Mary Dewey, Carl Scott, Deb Swanagen, Susie and Rick McKernan, Steve Winter, C.O. Scheffer, Jim Murphy, and Tony Parriso. Guest: Barbra West**

**Prayer: May 8<sup>th</sup>: Deb Swanegan      May 15<sup>th</sup> Deb Swanegan**

**Pledge of Allegiance: May 8<sup>th</sup>: Ken Oster      May 15<sup>th</sup>: Daryl Stockstill**

#### **Recognize members who are back for the first time in a while:**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> we welcome back Pat Brown, Brent Sappington, and Tony Parriso**

#### **Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

**Phyllis Nichols 5/12/1997, Edward Musterman 5/15/2013 and Richard McKernan 5/18/ 1999 club anniversaries, Travis and Jessica 15 wedding anniversaries was on May 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thank you to Nadia for work on scholarships. Announcement of winners later. And as usual, thanks to Ed for ordering food and lining up speakers, Rick for sending announcements and making certificates for the speaker, Mary for note taking and Carl for clubhouse cleaning and set up.**

**Pay the pig? Carl Scott paid \$.50 for the St. Louis Cardinal team and Rick McKernan for all he did for Red Leighton funeral.**

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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. Drawing on June 3<sup>th</sup>

Minutes from– Only approved April 24 and May 1 not May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

Treasurer's Report: As of March 31, the Treasurer's Report was showing we had paid out \$5162 for grants and programs. We had two funding requests at our last meeting. We designated \$5500 for those requests. 4 Fund Request for the May Board meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Meeting info – The May 15 meeting will be at Shakespear's South at noon. Speaker will be our own Travis Kempf of the Boone Co Fair Board. Next three meetings will be also be away from the clubhouse -- May 22 and June 12. Lenior Woods, Fireside Room. June 5 at Shakespear's South. No meeting on May 29.

Intro new members – We inducted new members, Daryl Stockstill and Tyler Miller in April but Tyler didn't get an opportunity to introduce himself so now is his chance. Tyler info. Pins for each.

Adopt a Spot Committee – Kelly – Didn't happen this past weekend May 6. Kelly was sick.

Scholarship Committee – Nadia – winners are – From Battle – Serena Newby and Wen-Hein Chan; From Douglas – Rana Kakozaï and Afrah Mahmud; From Rockbridge – Kevin Mao and Ariana Eckerson and from Hickman – Gramm Gerdemann and Alison Wade. \$1000 Scholarship to each. Again, thanks to Nadia and her sister, Alena, for all their hard work on this committee.

Car show – Mike Russell –

Derby info – Rick – date for derby June 11 - race cars take over clubhouse starting tomorrow until the week after the derby – June 19 meeting will be at the clubhouse. As mentioned, meeting locations for derby time are set. Sign up sheet for the drivers of the trucks was passed around at the meetings and if you weren't there and would like to drive a truck this year please let Rick know. After the day we will all go back to the club house for a BBQ and to hand out the awards.

Bike Safety – Mary - May 20 - Karis Church –Please make sure to sign up. We will start setting up at around 8:15. The event will start at 9:30 to 11:30 am.

**Clubhouse work morning** – Next work day the Saturday after the Derby, June 17 – 9:00 to noon. Project to be determined. Many to choose from.

**Kids Carnival** – Nothing new. Committee will be met after this weekend. Back to School Kid's Carnival is August 12. Deb and Mary have volunteered to form half a committee to work with Big Bro Big Sisters people to decide everything.

**Welcome Committee for new members** - Kelly – Info on shirts.

**OI Director Election** - There are three candidates running for OI Director. I voted as requested for Sandi Schmidt.

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

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

**OI National Convention** – Rick - July 2-5, Arlington, VA (sign up for the convention are Deb Swanegan, Mary Dewey and Mike Hachett

## **New Business:**

**May 5th and 6<sup>th</sup> Third Quarter Conference** – Mary and Rick – There were 10 oratorical contest who gave their speaks that day. The winner was from the Ashland Optimist Club. Essay Contest read her essay that was about her art teacher who changed her life. She was from Lincoln County Optimist Club. Rick would like to add another award to the club member to reverse during 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. This will be in honor of Red Leighton for the most club member brought in the year. Mary Dewey will be 2023-2024 Lt. Governor.

**Tree Lot** - C.O. - Trees are ordered. Total of 1225 trees. All trees have been ordered.

Fayette Optimist Club will not be selling trees this year.

**Koeze nuts sale:** Steve Winters has started dividing up Red's sales list. Please email Steve if you would like to take over some of Red's remaining list. [Winterss@missouri.edu](mailto:Winterss@missouri.edu)

**Amish Jam Sales:** Steve is in the process of ordering jams that will be for sale along with Koeze nuts at the tree lot. We are getting the same amount as last year but trying for a bit more variety.

**Upcoming board meeting topics for May 18**– Location will be the Conference Center at the Hampton Inn on Stadium.

Five funding requests – Steve - Food Bank - \$5000; CCUA - \$2000; Hickman Review - \$1000; Mo River Relief - \$2000 and Columbia Housing Authority - \$6500. The first four

are to present May 18 and the fifth will present June 15. Current have 3 funding request for June

We will get more info about 501c-3 from Ernie Wren from Ashland at our May meeting.

Discussion of May 3 Joint Leadership of COMO Service Clubs meeting 5 clubs. Blitz Build, Sept 18-29. Sign up Genie available soon for earlier work to prep for the main build. Second topic - COMO 411. And finally- Chris Kelley – Boone Co Office of Emergency Mgmt. With this we will be asking for 2 Optimist Club Members to sign up for each shifts. This can be 2 from either our club or the 2 from another Optimist Clubs in Columbia.

Further discussion of Kid's Carnival and Car Show activities.

We are looking for ideas for our next social event for summer – One suggestion – volunteer on a Saturday for Mo River Relief followed by party at Rocheport. Please let me know your thoughts and any other ideas you may have

Other clubs' activities - Kids First Scenic Yacht Trip May 16.

Speaker for the Day – Major Kevin Cedarvall, Salvation Army for May 8<sup>th</sup> (see attach)

Travis Kempf , Boone Country Fair for May 15<sup>th</sup> Fairground website <https://www.theboonecountyfair.com/> for more information about the fair.

Optimist Creed was recited and meeting adjourned at

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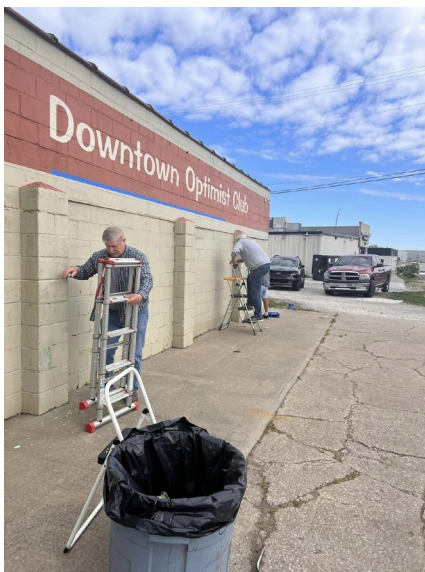


May 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 3th Qtr. Conference at St. Louis Airport Hotel	<b>6</b> 3th Qtr. Conference at St. Louis Airport Hotel
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Club meeting at 12 pm at Shakespeare's Pizza South of town	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Family Fun Fest : BEE Kind to Your Mind at COMO Park from 6-8	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bike Safety Rode at Karis Church from 9:30 to 11:30 am
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Club meeting at 12 pm at Lenoir Home Fireside Room	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> No Club Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			



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June 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Club meeting at 12 pm at Shakespeare's Pizza South of town	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Club meeting at 12 pm at Lenoir Home Fireside Room	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse	27	28	29	30	



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