



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club Zoom Meeting Newsletter

April 26, 2021 at 12:01 pm

Members attended Rick McKernan, Mary Dewey, Ed Musterman, Scott Stager, Tony Parisio, Eva Vazquez, C.O. Scheffer, John Jones, Red Leighton, , and Jerry Sullivan. Guest were Lauren Dell and Lister Florence.

Prayer/Pledge for April 26: Mary Dewey Prayer and C.O. Scheffer Pledge

Birthday/Anniversary: Red Leighton 96th Birthday is on Sunday this weekend, C.O. and his wife celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary last week.

Tony read off the officers and board for 2021-2022 year (Committee member chair is Ed Musterman) for the second time

President: Tony Parisio for other year

1st Vice President: Jerry Sullivan

2nd Vice President: Nadia Ryakmayatullo

Treasurer: Jack Beard

Secretary: Phyllis Nichols

OI Foundation Rep: Mary Dewey

Board member: Deborah Swanegan

High School Scholarships Nadia Ryakmayatullo has been reading all the applications finally came up with 6 winners will receive 1 thousand scholarship each. The winners are: Jade Leighty from Hickman High School, Landon Viers and Morgan McBees from Battle High School, Xavier Forte and Jadehee from Rock Bridge High School, and Arlexus Cisneres Ochan from Douglass High School.

Board Meeting on Thursday, April 15 we had one funding request the Cornerstones of Care. Kristen from the Columbia office will come to the May 20 board meeting and talk about where the money will go for at the Columbia office and the youth and family here.

They talked about the changes in the By-Laws that Jerry Sullivan, Ed Musterman and Mary Dewey came up with when they looked over it on Tuesday, April 13. He will send Tony, Ed and Mary the updated copy when he gets it finished. Then Tony will share the changed that were made to club at the next club meeting.

Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936

3th qtr. Optimist conference that will take place on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 in Arnold, MO Drury Inn and Suites Hotel. This will start Friday night with the Executive Committee meeting at 7:30 to 8:30 pm and then fellowship from 8:30 to 10:00 pm. Saturday morning will start with the 8 to 9 am board meeting. Followed with training and 15 youth giving their speakers virtual, the essay winner will there in person to read her essay and the new LT Governor Nomination will also be decide at this time. John Jones, Deborah Swanegan, Mary Dewey and Tony Parisio are going are signed up for the 3th qtr. conference for in person and Rick McKernan will attend by Zoom. We have two Oratorical Contest speaking that day. Good Luck to them. Rick McKernan will be taking over for me as for 2021-2022 as Zone 2 Lt. Governor Congratulations to him.

Mary Dewey talked about the Family Fun Fests that is a program that the Parks and Recreation host every summer for families to come out to the park and have fun. She has signed up the Optimist Clubs in Columbia for an information booth so we can talk about Optimist how we help the youth in the community. We have information for parents to take with them and game for the kids to play while we are talking the parents. The dates and theme for this event are on Wednesday from 5 to 8 pm. The first park on June 16 will be at Cosmo Park theme Bicentennial Birthday Bash. Next Park on July 21 will be at Clary-Shy (Farmer Market) theme Healthy Habits. Third Park on August 18 will be at Albert-Oakland theme Bookworms and Butterflies. The last park on September 15 will be at Cosmo-Bethel Park theme Creative Kids. C.O. Scheffer will send out the sign up Genius the 3th week of May for people to sign up and help with the Family Fun Fests.

C.O. Scheffer said “All the Christmas tree have been order from our two companies.” Yes Fayette trees are order again with our order. We order the same number as last year.

Update on In-person meeting John Jones said, “We can come to Simmon Bank on Broadway on Monday, May 3 in their board room for the in-person and zoom meeting.” The meeting will be at noon. **Please let Tony know as you as you can if you want to meet in person Monday so he know how many will be there.**

We will also be working on have an in-person meeting at one the parks in Columbia like Stephen Lake where we can do both in-person and zoom meeting. With this meeting, you can bring your kids with you and they can play on the playground. We will let you know when we decide a date.

Mary Dewey is working on a couple of service project at a couple of organizations in Columbia. I am looking at Camp Hickory Hill Diabetic Camp, Coyote Hill Christian Home in Harrisburg, Mary Lee Johnson Day Care, and the Northeast and Central Missouri Food bank. I am currently working with Coyote Hill Christian Home on a project not sure what it going to be

yet. With this project, I am going to ask the other clubs in Columbia to help with it so we will have enough volunteers to help with it.

Rick McKernan talked about upcoming Soapbox Derby that will take place on Sunday, June 6. Right now we have Columbia Ready Mix as a Gold Sponsor, Plaza Tire Service from Springfield, Mo and O'Reilly Auto Parts as a Silver Sponsor and Shelter Insurance- Ed Holt Agency as a Bronze Sponsor.

Tony Parisio led us with the closing of the Creed at 1:05 pm

Tony Parisio, President

