



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

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### **In Person/ Zoom Meeting**

**Monday, February 10, 2025**

**Meeting began at 12:00 noon at the Clubhouse**

**Members in attendance: President: Mary Dewey, Pat Brown, Larry Fick, Carl Scott, Ed Musterman, Jerry Sullivan, Rick McKernan, Adam Crumbliss, Nadia Ryakmyatulliov, C.O. Scheffer, Ken Oster, Scott Stager, Kelly Schilling, and by Zoom Deb Swanegan.**

**Special Guests William Donahue from IMKO Workforce Solutions, Our guest speaker Michael Parks, Manager Columbia Regional Airport and Beverly Oster (Ken's wife)**

**Volunteer hours: Larry Fick 3 hours for the Central Missouri Food Bank**

**Welcome Back: Everyone who came out this Monday afternoon**

**Invocation: Rick McKernan**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Ed Musternam**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries: N/A**

**Pay the pig (Money goes to the OIF Children Cancer: Pat Brown paid \$1.00 for Carl Edward who made the NASCAR Hall of Fame (he also drove in the Soap Derby in Columbia, MO), Carl Scott paid \$1.00 for Carl Edward and Mizzou Basketball team, Nadia Ryakmyatulliov paid \$1.00 for her name in an article, and Rick McKernan paid with a \$2.00 bill for His brother who was fishing out of the country and running into their neighborhood friend from their home town in Kansas, and Kansas Basketball getting beat by Kansas State University.**

**SERVICE PROJECT FOR THIS MONTH IS TO COLLECT TOYS AND CARD FOR THE CHILDREN A THE MIZZOU CHILREN'S HOSITPAL HERE IN COLUMBIA**

**Board Meeting on Thursday, February 20 here at the club house at 6 pm. Right now, we have 4 fund requests from. They are Scouting American by Aaro Froese, Jabberwocky by Linda Schust, Escuelita Alegria by JoAnn Shull, and Battle High School Robotics Club by Evan Schilling. We will also be looking for members who want to service as board members and officers for next year.**

***Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936***

**Nadia Ryakmyatulliov talked about the High School Scholarship is at all 4 high schools and will be due February 19<sup>th</sup>. It can be found on google on our website.**

**Jerry Sullivan want us know that our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pickleball Tournament will take place on Saturday, March 15 from 8:00 to 7:00 pm at the Sports Fieldhouse. He will be looking for volunteers to help with set up on Friday night and Saturday. Evan Schilling will be helping him put this together again this year with brackets.**

**Rick McKernann and Deb Swanegan let us know that the Essay (need to be turned by February 28<sup>th</sup>) and Oratorical Contest will take place in March 9<sup>th</sup> here at the Clubhouse at 2:00 pm. (think that is the correct time???). Right now, we have 4 teachers who asked about the Oratorical Contest. Carl Scott will help as the Sergeant of Arms and Jerry Sullivan as timer keeper.**

**Ed Musterman want to know if you getting his weekly email about chicken dinner for the Monday meeting. If you know someone who not getting the weekly email please let Ed know. Thank you. Our Spotlight member Kelly Schilling is our guest for Monday, February 17.**

**Mary Dewey reminded us that Saturday, February 22<sup>th</sup> is our Super Zone meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. conference here at the clubhouse. We will have special guest going us from other Optimist club around us like Ashland, Kids First, Fulton Breakfast Club, Moberly, Sunrise, Mike Boles and Phyllis Nerf. Please let Mary know if you can attend so, she knows how much food to order for lunch.**

**Greg Schneider also reminded us that Boy's and Girl's Club Rootin Tootin Chili Contest is on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Holiday Inn Executive Center from 2:00 to 5:30. Greg Schneider if charge of this contest for the club. Looking for member to help cut up the vegetables, and hand out the sample of chili to the people. This event is a lot of fun talking to people about Optimist.**

**Mary Dewey wanted to let you all know she has got a table for the Kid's First Optimist Club Trivia night on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion at 5:00 pm. I am looking for players to join her at her table. Please let me know if you want to take part in this event.**

**Guest Speaker: Michael Parks, Manager Columbia Regional Airport**

**Club winner: Bryan Ninihuck**

**Optimist Creed was recited and meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm**

**Mary Dewey: President**



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**Columbia Downtown Members and friends,**

**Here is the Columbia Downtown Optimist Newsletter for the Monday, February 10 meeting.**

**Did you know that they have an underground fencing at the airport? This will keep the coyotes from getting on the runway.**

**Did you know why the grass is cut it way? The tall part of the grass keeps the geese out but will bring the mice, snake and other animals that will bring the coyotes. The short part of the grass will bring the geese in.**

**Don't forget to let me know if you are going to attend the Zoom meeting on Saturday, February 22. Right now, I have Rick McKernan, Carl Scott, Nadia Ryakmyatullov by zoom, Adam Crumbliss, Daryl Stockstill ??? . I would like to see a few more members to come to this meeting. There will be some great training and speakers at this meeting.**

**Mary Dewey**

**[Paddle Battle flyer was attached]**

February 2025						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Sunrise Optimist Club Spade Tournament starting at 7:00 pm for \$5.00	1 Ashland Optimist Club Pancake Day 511 Optimist Dr. 6 to 12 pm Brent Sappington Birthday
2	3 Kevin O'Brien, MO State Public Defender, Area 13 Trial Division 12:00 pm Club House	4	5 Bonnie Yantzi joined the club in 2018	6 Jerry Sullivan joined the club in 2019 National Optimist Day wear your Optimist shirts	7	8

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	10 Michael Parks, Manager Columbia Regional Airport 12:00 pm Club House	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Kelly Schilling, Member Spot Light 12:00 pm Club House	18	19	20 Board Meeting 6:00 pm Clubhouse	21	22 Super Zoom 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. at the Downtown Optimist Clubhouse Steve Klein joined the club in 2005
23	24 Barbara Horrell Columbia African American Heritage Trail 12:00 pm Club House	25	26	27	28 Greg Schneider joined the club in 2003	February 22th Boy's and Girl's Club Chili Contest at Holiday Inn Executive Center at 2:00 pm

March 2025						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Corrina Smith Executive Director, Columbia Farmer Market 12:00 pm Club House	4	5	6	7 PIE BREAKFAST Like me know if you would like to go that morning.	8 Kid's 1 <sup>st</sup> Optimist Trivia night at the American Legion at 5:00 pm Looking of people for my table

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9	10 Lead Online Program Advisor from Columbia College Online Program 12:00 pm Club House	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Evan Schilling Battle High School Robotics Team 12:00 pm Club House	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Joe Pallikkatahyit Regional Director, KVF Foundation 12:00 pm Club House	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Shane Creech Public Works Director 12:00 pm Club House					