



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

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### **The Weekly Bulletin December 3, 2018**

Call to order: President Dewey at 11:55 a.m.

Invocation: Pat Brown

Pledge: Jim Murphy

#### **Introduction of Guests and New and Old Members (who have been gone):**

- Pat Dusky, Steve Boyd and Tom Luckenbill, representing KidsFirst Optimist Club, were present at the meeting.
  - Tom talked to D.O. members about upcoming events:
    - Zone Meeting/Holiday Party at the Sunrise Optimist club house on December 8, 2018. Event includes dinner, Bingo and dancing. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Funds collected go to Rainbow House and Optimists. Mary Hatfield, Optimists Eastern Missouri District Governor, will present at the event. Cost for event is \$25/couple or \$15/individual. Steve added to please invite family, friends, neighbors who are interested in attending the event. Buckingham's will cater the event. Attendees are asked to bring dessert.
    - Sunrise Optimist Club Annual Coon supper on January 7, 2019 at Sunrise Optimist club house cost is \$12.00 in advance . Happy Hour 6:00-7:00 pm, Dinner starts at 7:00 pm

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

None reported.

#### **Greeter:**

Rick Mckernan noted that this past Sunday Kelly Schilling from D.O., and seven individuals who are veterans, assisted at the Christmas tree lot. Rick stated the veterans did an excellent job in assisting Kelly and other the D.O. members/volunteers to make it a highly successful tree sales day. The veterans noted later that assisting at the tree lot gave them increased Christmas spirit, and were thankful for the opportunity to help out.

#### **Mystery Person**

Dave Murphy indicated he was thinking in "threes" today. That is, today is December 3, MU had three major sports victories that past weekend, and three people who had joined D.O. Club many years ago, including Pat Brown. Dave awarded the mystery person to Pat Brown for his many years of support for Optimists.

## Announcements

- **Sign In or Pay the Pig:**
  - Carl Scott paid the pig and introduced the first segment of the twelve days of Christmas. He mentioned the name of the new football coach at University of Kansas (KU) to help KU football to get more wins. The new coach formerly had coached in the Southeastern Conference.
  - Rick Mckernan paid the pig \$1 after Carl gave his comments on University of Kansas.
  
- **Welcome to any new or returning members:**

None reported.
  
- **Food Bank:**

Jim Murphy stated he had been at the Christmas Tree Lot working. Larry stated last Wednesday at the Food Bank he had worked on placing labels on bags.
  
- **Christmas Trees:**
  - President Dewey would like to thank everyone who came out and work this past weeks at the tree lot. We had a great crowd of people who came out to buy their trees, candy, wreaths and supporting our Optimist Club.
  - President Dewey is asking everyone who is able to work at the Christmas tree lot to please sign up to help out. The more members and volunteers we have the less we will have to pay people to work. We can then save more money and be able to pay for the different youth organizations in Columbia.
  - C.O. Scheffer stated they had been busy all weekend at the tree lot. When he had left the club house on Sunday all that remained for some of the tree types had been in the tree stands. Some reserves remained for certain tree types such as the Scotch Pines. Additional tree stands will be arriving to be brought to the tree lot.
  - Jim Murphy reminded volunteers to try to make sure the tree lot is kept free of tree debris, for safety reasons.
  - Jack Cruise noted that tree sales for the first ten days this year is at about \$59,000. This is more sales compared to this time last year (a little over \$51,000 in sales).
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- **Koeze Nuts/Restaurant Gift Certificates:**

Steve Winters stated he expects another order of Koeze Nuts to arrive at the club house this Thursday, December 6, 2018. He estimates it may be about 2.5 pallets of Koeze Nuts products. He is asking for assistance to prepare the orders this weekend to be ready for distribution by next Monday. He also mentioned that the other products, e.g., jams, are selling well, and he had to submit more orders for these products.
  
- **D.O. Club Social:**

President Dewey stated the Holiday luncheon is at the D.O. Club house on Monday, December 17 with a cost of \$11.00/person. This is an additional \$1/person than originally estimated. Hy-Vee will catering the luncheon. Please pay Larry Fick for the luncheon. Larry added that as of this date 26 people have committed to attending the Social. We are having fried chicken, herb-roasted pork loin, white cheddar macaroni, garden salad, apple waldorf salad, and rolls. We need to know who would like cake, cupcakes or pies for dessert.
  
- **Announcements from the floor:**
  - Carl Scott indicated he had donated 100 cans of food, on behalf of the D.O. club, to the food collection event at Schnucks Market. This represents the 100 anniversary of Optimist International this year.

- Carl also stated to please consider, when out buying Christmas gifts, to buy an additional toy to donate to the Almeta Crayton Memorial Toys for Columbia Youth Toy drive which President Dewey is involved. There is a box in the D.O. club house where you can place the toys. President Dewey added that last year 350 children received toys through this program.

### **Today's Speakers**

ShaVon Walls-Taylor, Community Liaison for Family Access Center of Excellence (FACE) presented at today's meeting.

FACE mission is to improve access to high quality social, emotional, & behavioral health services for all youth (0-19) & their families who live in Boone County. It is a single point of entry for youth and their families to help link them to services and supports they may need. FACE accepts open referrals to include for example, self-referrals and referrals from schools, churches, physician's offices, neighbors, etc.

FACE is family oriented. It offers assessments for the child and family to identify any concerns and support needs. This is an individual and family-driven service delivery where FACE case management staff (Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Clinical Social Workers) assist youth and families in identifying, based on assessments, what they want to work on. FACE then helps youth and their families develop action plans with goals they have identified to work toward achieving. FACE conducts home visits and/or meets with youth and their families in other settings such as at school. This planning helps youth and their families get linked to the appropriate resources. Case managers support youth and families throughout referral and services delivery to monitor progress. FACE also provides ongoing support after services delivery and offers support and assistance where indicated.

The number of youth served through FACE has grown tremendously over the years. FACE has served about 1,250 families since August, 2016. FACE has had great success in helping youth and family achieve their goals. It is common for families to contact FACE regularly to let FACE know how things are going with their services and the progress being made.

FACE also has arranged for Missouri Family Support Division (FSD) staff come by their office to be available for families to come in and learn more about FSD resources and to get assistance if requested.

FACE services are free, funded through the Boone County Children's Services Fund. FACE serves all of Boone County. It has locations in Columbia, Missouri (105 East Ash Street) and Centralia, Missouri.

For more information on FACE you can go to their website at [www.faceofboonecounty.org](http://www.faceofboonecounty.org)  
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## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Monday, December 10 – Jeff Nicholas – Rainbow House

Monday, December 17 – Holiday luncheon at the D.O. clubhouse

Monday, December 24 and December 31 – No Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2019 – Tim Haller – Big Muddy, National Fish and Wildlife Refuge

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Adjourn with the Creed: 1:00 p.m.

*Optimistically Yours,*

Ron Berg,  
Secretary

