



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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In Person/ Zoom Meeting

Monday, March 31, 2025

Meeting began at 12:00 noon at the Clubhouse

Members in attendance: President: Mary Dewey Adam Crumbliss Carl Scott, Larry Fick, Rick McKernan, Sean Reberry (Zoom), Tony Parisio, Ed Musterman, Jake Jolley, Scott Stager, Barb West, Jack Cruise, Pat Brown, Pat Kelly, Susie McKernan, C.O. Scheffer, Tony Parisio, Akbar Hussein, Deb Swanegan (Zoom) and Ken Oster

Special Guests: Beverly Oster (Ken's Wife), and Shane Creech, Public Works Director

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

Welcome Back: Everyone on this beautiful day

Invocation: Pat Brown Pledge of Allegiance: Adam Crumbliss

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Wes Park, joined the club in 2019 and Susie McKernan joined the club in 2023

Pay the pig (Money goes to the OIF Children Cancer: Carl Scott paid \$.25 for reminding us to be careful when parking in front the club house. There has been broken glass over the parking lot, Adam Crumbliss paid a \$1.00 for his older daughter Lacrosse team (lot of fun) and running into a family friend at the zoo in Omaha, and Rick McKernan paid \$1.00 for Big 12 Team in the final Four in the men's division, the Soap Box Derby Bag that Scott Stager gave him from the Habit.

Ed Musterman had the third and final reading of Sean Reberry as the new Vice-President for the 2025 -2026. Ed Musternam made the motion and Rick Mckernan 2nd the motions. There were 19 yay and 0 nay. Congratulations Sean Reberry as our new Vice President for the 2025-2026.

Nadia Ryakmyatulliov talked about the High School Scholarship is at all 4 high schools. She will need help reading and go through the appellations. We had 16 students from Rock Bridge, 7 students from Battle, 14 from Douglass, and 10 from Hickman. She is in the middle of reading the Essay.

Ed Musterman want to know if you getting his weekly email about chicken dinner for the

Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936

**Monday meeting. If you know someone who not getting the weekly email please let Ed know. Thank you. Next week speaker is Billy Polansky
Ex. Director, Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture**

Mary Dewey wanted to let everyone know that we will have a float in the Gold Star Memorial Day Parade on May 26 with the Sunrise and Kid's 1st Optimist Clubs. Away we can honor our Veterans in our club and in our community.

Mary Dewey want everyone to know that we will be having a booth at the Family Fun fest again this year please watch out for the sign-up Genies from C.O. Make sure to sign up when you can help with this event. This is a great way to let the community know what Optimist does for the kids and how they can become a member.

Mary Dewey also let us know that May 2 and 3 is the 3th qtr. Conference in St. Louis. This conference there will be the oratorical contest and the winner of the essay contest read her or his essay. Please let me know if you want to go so we can get registered. Also, for this conference will be collecting snacks and water for the JIO conference. Please bring the items to the clubhouse and I will take them up when I go up on Saturday.

Mary Dewey also let us know about Bike Safety Rodeo will take place on Saturday, May 10th from 9:30 to 11:30 with set up at 9:00 am at the Progress Baptist Church on 701 Bank Ave. Please watch for the sign-up Genies from C.O. and please sign up to help.

Guest Speaker: Shane Creech, Public Works Director (power point will come later)

Club winner: I can't remember (Do remember there were not there)

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

Mary Dewey: President



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Wes Park joined the club in 2019	2	3 Susie McKernan joined the club in 2023	4	5
6	7 Billy Polansky Ex. Director, Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture 12:00 pm Club House	8	9	10	11	12 Sunrise Optimist Club Pitch Tournament at 6:30 pm at 2410 Parker St their club house
13	14 Bonnie Yantzie Fun City Youth Academy 12:00 pm Club House Tony Parisio joined the club in 2017	15	16	17 Board meeting at 6:00 pm at the Clubhouse	18	19
20	21 Spot Light Club Member Jake Jolley 12:00 pm Club House	22	23	24	25	26 Ed Musterman joined the club in 2002
27	28 Casey Tidwell and Angela Hill CASA 12:00 pm Club House	29	30			