



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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In Person/ Zoom Meeting

Monday, January 13, 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, Bob Slemmon, Barb West, Rick McKernan, Tony Parisio, Sean Reberry, Nadia Ryakmyaulliov, Adam Crumbliss, Jake Jolley, Steve Winter, Mike Hatchett, C.O. Scheffer, and Akbar Hussein

Special Guests: Pat Kelley, Athletic Director/ Assist Principal

Welcome Back: Everyone I hope everyone stayed safe last week with all the snow that came in.

Invocation: Rick McKernan

Pledge of Allegiance: Sean Reberry

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Thursday, January 2 Mark Stevenson Birthday, Monday, January 6 Jake Jolley, Tuesday, January 7 Jack Crusie Birthday and Friday January 10 Carl Scott Birthday.

Pay the pig (Money goes to the OIF Children Cancer: Rick McKernan paid \$1.00 for Kansas University Basketball team, Mike Hatchett paid \$4.00 from making fun of Rick and Kansas University, Carl Scott paid \$1.00 for the Food Bank food drive that was before Christmas and Volunteers needed at the Food Market 2 hours shifts, and Adam Crumbliss paid \$1.00 for Kansas University basketball lose and Mizzou basketball team winners.

Board Meeting on Thursday, January 16 at the Club House at 6:00 pm

We have 2 Funding Request: Adam Crumbliss from the Heart of MO United Way asking for \$5000 for Reading Across Columbia Program, and Aaro Froese from the Scouting American asking for \$2000

I like to thank everyone who came out on Saturday, January 8th and help Jim Murphy put everything up on the tree lot. Carl Scott and Steve Winter to name a few.

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

Jerry Sullivan want us know that our 2nd 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.

Rick McKrenan let us know that the Essay and Oratorical Contest will take place in March.

Ed Musterman would like to Thank his wife Sue for helping him shovel out the club house parking lot and the others people who came out and help them. He also let us know that Pat Kelly and Kelly Schilling both have been sick and doing well know.

Carl Scott let us know that the City of Columbia will be hosting Martin Luther King Day of Service on Saturday from 1 to 3:30 at Rainbow Softball Field.

Our Speaker next week will be:

Guest Speaker: Patrick Kelly, Father Totlon Athletic Director/ Asst. Principal (see attached)

Club winner: Jack Beard Jr.

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

Mary Dewey: President



Dear Club Members,

Reminder I wasn't going to be there due to Jury Duty.

With the weather coming in Saturday night through Sunday. If this weather really comes in like they are saying on the news I am going to cancel the meeting on Monday. I want everyone to be safe at home than trying to come to an Optimist Meeting. Yes, we could do it by zoom but it is not the same as being in person.

In the future if Columbia Public School cancels school due to the weather I will also cancel the meetings on Monday for the same reason.

I am looking for someone to step up and take over the chili contest that our club does. Carl Scott is stepping back from doing a lot of work for the club due to health issues. Remember you need to take care of yourself before helping with club activities. We have wanted you to be a member for a long time.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know I will be glad to answer them for you.

Hope everyone had a great Holiday.

Thank everyone who worked on the tree lot this year we had a great year.

Mary Dewey

Dear Club Member and Friends,

Here is the newsletter from Columbia Downtown Optimist Club meeting from Monday, January 13th meeting.

It was great to see everyone in person once again after the long week of cold and snow. We have several important upcoming events you can attend:

Saturday, January 25th is COSMO Pancake day from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm cost is \$10.00

Saturday, January 25th is Moberly Optimist Club Spaghetti Dinner from 11:00 to 2:00 pm cost is \$10.00

Sunday, January 26th is a City of Columbia Meeting from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

Saturday, February 1st is Ashland Optimist Pancake day from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm cost is \$10.00

Saturday, February 1st is Sunrise Optimist Club Spade Tournament starting at 7:00 pm cost is \$5.00. They can't have the chili contest because of the health department.

Saturday, February 22nd is the 2qtr Super Zone meeting at the Clubhouse with other members from other clubs in Zone 1 and Fulton Breakfast Club join us that day. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I know how much food to get for lunches that day. It bring snacks to share with others

Mary Dewey

January 2025						
◀ Dec 2024					Feb 2025 ▶	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year!	2 Mark Stevenson Birthday	3	4
5	6 Jake Jolley Birthday	7 Jack Crusie Birthday	8	9	10 Carl Scott Birthday	11
12	13 Patrick Kelly Amisism Director of Father Tolton High School 12:00 pm Club House	14	15	16	17	18

January 2025						
◀ Dec 2024						Feb 2025 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 COSMO Pancake Day 1715 Burlington 6 to 1 pm Moberly Spaghetti Dinner from 11 to 2 pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2025						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ashland Optimist Club Pancake Day 511 Optimist Dr. 6 to 12 pm Brent Sappington Birthday

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Super Zoom 2 nd Qtr. at the Downtown Optimist Clubhouse
23	24	25	26	27	28	February 22th Boy's and Girl's Club Chili Contest at Holiday Inn Executive Center at 2:00 pm