



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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The Weekly Bulletin

March 11, 2019

Call to order: President Dewey at 12:03 p.m.

Invocation: Red Leighton

Pledge: Charlie Langreder

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

Bonnie Langreder in attendance today at the meeting. Welcome back Bonnie.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

None.

Mystery Person

None awarded today.

Announcements

- **Sign In or Pay the Pig:**
 - Carl Scott paid \$0.25 to the pig for March being Womens month. Carl thanked Mary for her continued efforts to recruit women for D.O. Club membership.
 - Carl Scott paid \$0.25 to the pig for 14 years Kansas University basketball team has won the Big 12 Championship.
 - Carl Scott paid \$0.25 to the pig for Kansas State University winning the Big 12 regular season championship this year.
 - Carl Scott paid another \$0.25 to the pig as he forgot his D.O. Club badge today.

- **Welcome any new or returning members:** None reported.

- **New D.O. Club Members:** President Dewey recognized new members Bonnie Langreder and Jerry Sullivan today. D.O. Club sponsor for Bonnie is her husband Charlie; and Rick Mckernan sponsored Jerry Sullivan for membership.

- **President Announcements:**
 - **D.O. Club Board Meeting:** President Dewey reminded members of the upcoming D.O. Club Board meeting at the club house on Thursday, 3/21/19 beginning at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Food Bank:** President Dewey asked Jim Murphy and Larry Fick to summarize Food Bank volunteering last Monday. Larry stated they worked on packing Cheerios cereal.
 - **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry:** President Dewey asked Larry Fick to give an update on the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry on 3/18/19. Larry stated the fish fry went well, and the next fish fry is on Friday, 4/5/19.
 - **Soap Box Derby:** President Dewey asked Rick Mckernan to provide an update on Soap Box Derby planning. Rick stated there will be a meeting next week to continue planning for the event.
 - **Scholarship:** President Dewey asked Cyrilla Galbreath to provide an update on

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scholarships. Cyrilla indicated she has received one request from Columbia Hickman High School to date. She is expecting about 12 requests from Rock Bridge High School.

- **Dos De Mayo Event:** President Dewey said the Dos De Mayo event will occur on Thursday, 5/2/19 at the D.O. Club house. As part of the event raffle tickets will be sold with proceeds going to childhood cancer care. (Larry Fick will start taking money April 1)
 - **Douglass Baseball Clinic:** Please consider helping with the Douglass Baseball Clinic (Tri Star) at Douglass Park (400 North Providence) on Saturday, 4/13/19 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - **Bike Safety Rodeo:** The Bike Safety Rodeo at Karis Church (606 Ridgeway Ave) Thursday, 6/6/19 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with set up starting at 4:00 p.m. Tables and chairs will be provided.
- **Announcements from the floor:**
 - Scott Stager passed around the photograph he received of the D.O. Club members and other volunteers representing D.O. Club at the 14th Annual Rootin Tootin Chili Cook-off. He will place the picture on the wall at the D.O. Clubhouse.
 - Carl Scott noted there is a 4-H Club BBQ event on 3/16/19 in Hallsville, MO.
 - Jake Jolley stated the Annual Rootin Tootin Chili Cook-off this year raised \$116,000 for the Boys and Girls Club.

Today's Speaker

Today's speaker is Nikki McGruder, Director of the Inclusive Impact Institute. As per Ms. McGruder's excellent presentation and information she distributed at the meeting, the mission of Inclusive Impact Institute is Innovation - creating inclusive and diverse communities through collaboration, education and engagement. Inclusive Impact Institute is a collaborative initiative to promote inclusive excellence in Boone County and beyond.

There is commitment to:

- Training and Education – Education on diversity and inclusion;
- Consulting – Advice to business leaders to increase diversity in the workplace as well as in the community;
- Community Engagement – Encourage philanthropy and partnerships at the corporate and non-profit level and bring about positive community outcomes; and
- Leadership Development.

Inclusive Excellence for Business – An eight month program for local businesses and organizations with the intent to encourage constructing an inclusive environment, and adopting the cohesive, coherent and collaborative integration of diversity, inclusion and equity in the organizational structure. This is a collaboration with the Inclusive Impact Institute and MU-Division of Inclusion, Diversity & Equity. Sessions include Understanding the Principles of Community; five dimensions – Access and Success, Organizational Climate, Training and Education, Community Engagement, and Organizational Infrastructure; Implementation Overview; and Principles of Community.

Inclusive Impact Institute Partners include: Veteran's United Home Loans, Columbia College, University of Missouri Division of Inclusion, Diversity & Equity, City of Columbia, Columbia Chamber

of Commerce, Central Bank of Boone County, Commerce Bank, Regional Economic Development, Inc., and Shelter Insurance.

For additional information you can go to the website – www.inclusiveimpact.org. Facebook: Facebook.com/inclusiveimpactinstitute. And/or you can contact Ms. McGruder at nikki@inclusiveimpact.org. Ms. McGruder's phone number is 573.817.4354. Inclusive Impact Institute mail – P.O. Box 10295, Columbia, MO 65205. Office is located at 4603 John Garry Drive, Suites 5, 6, 7, Columbia, MO 65203.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 3/18/19 - Annelle Whitt from CPS MAC Scholars
- 3/25/19 - Steve Smith from Job Point
- 4/1/19 - Aaro Froese from Boy Scouts of America
- 4/8/19 - Susan Shaffer from the Special Olympics
- 4/22/19 - Tim Haller from Big Muddy National Fish & Wildlife Refuge
- 5/6/19 - Kim Sringley-Werner from Missouri State Private Lands U.S Fish & Wildlife Service
- 5/20/19 - Kelly Myer from Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home
- 5/27/19 - NO Meeting (Memorial Day)
- 6/3/19 - Julia Dorm & Brittney Abbott from The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri

Adjourn with the Creed: 12:40 p.m.

Optimistically Yours,

Ron Berg, Secretary

