



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

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### **Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia**

#### **In Person Meeting and By Zoom**

**Monday, July 17, 2023 at Optimist Clubhouse**

**Meeting began at 12:00 noon**

**Members in attendance: President, Jerry Sullivan, C.O. Scheffer, Mike Russell, Larry Fick, Ed Musternan Barb West, Deb Swanegan, Travis Kempf, Mary Dewey, Jake Jolley, Carl Scott, Kelly Schilling, Rick Mckernan, James Murphy and Susie McKernan. Zoom Scott Stager**

**Special Guests: C. O Sheffer, Member Spotlight and Rick and Susie McKernan's granddaughter Haley**

**Invocation: Mary Dewey**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Russell**

**Recognize members who are back for the first time in a while: Welcome back Mike Russell**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries: Rick and Susie 41th Wedding Anniversary is today July 17<sup>th</sup>, Robert Bellinghausen Club Anniversary is July 18<sup>th</sup> and Steve Winter Club Anniversary is July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**As usual, thanks to Ed Musternan for picking up food, lining up speakers, and sending announcements. Rick McKerman for sending announcements, Mary Dewey for note taking and Carl Scott for helping with clean up.**

**Pay the pig? Travis Kempf paid \$1.00 for no name tag, C.O. Sheffer no name tag and his name in the newspaper. Rick McKerman paid \$1.00 for the newspaper articles about the National Soap Box Derby with his name and Tony Pariso. Deb Swanegan paid a \$1.00 for her pictures all over Facebook.**

**The board approved entry into a \$50 drawing for whoever invites someone to an Optimist Club event. Mary Dewey won last time. Invite someone to our next meeting or to an event and enter to win \$50 on Sept 11.**

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

Minutes from June 26 and July 10– Deb Swanegan made the motion to approve both club minutes and Mary Dewey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Everyone approved the minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of May 31, the Treasurer’s Report was showing we had paid out \$20,662.00 for grants, and \$8000 for scholarships. We had two funding requests at our last board meeting. We designated \$4500 for those two requests. We have about \$10,000 to still give out. One funding request for July.

**Old Business:**

**Meeting info** – Next meeting – July 24 – Speaker is Sean Spence - Discussion of his new book, **Breaking Barriers: Disability History in the United States.**

**BBQ at the clubhouse** - **Thursday, July 27 at 6:00.** Regular meeting that week will be on Monday, July 24. The dinner is just a social event. Spouses and guests welcome. **\$10 per head.** Prospective members eat free. Pork steaks and brisket from Big Daddy’s are on the menu. Great time to bring a guest. We will need a head count to be sure we have enough food. We’ll start a sign up list today. Need you signed up by the 26<sup>th</sup>. **PAY AT THE DOOR.** Prospective members and kids eat free.

**Adopt a Spot Committee** - Kelly has stepped down as chair – if you’d like to be in charge of our Adopt a Spot, see me. The new sign showing Downtown Optimist Club as the keepers of the spot is in place. Daryl Stockstill and his wife stepped up to take over as chair of the Adopt a Sport.

**Car show** – Mike Russell – He is looking at using Hickman High School parking lot either September 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>th</sup>. He is looking for Insurance for this event. Rick McKernan let him know that on the OI website has the insurance on it.

**Derby update** – Rick McKernan told us that today is the Parade of all the drivers who are taking part at the National Level. The cars left the clubhouse on Thursday. The stock car got VIP and master was missing a washer.

**Family Fun Fest** – Mary Dewey – Next one is July 20. Theme is Healthy Habits. Location is Albert-Oakland Park. Time is 6-8. Need workers - Sign Up Genius is available. Carl Scott will be setting up between 4:30 and 5:30 pm.

**Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build** – There is a Sign Up Genius available.  
**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA8AD29A3F5C25-service>**  
Next work date is this Wednesday. Sign up in Optimist slots.

**Show Me State Games** – Jake Jolly - July 23 and 30 – Sign Up Genius is available. **We need more volunteers in the afternoon of the July 30th**

**Kids Carnival** – Deb and Mary – Back to School Kid’s Carnival is August 8 from 4:30 to 6:30 in Big Brothers/Big Sisters parking lot. **Will need 4 to 5 helpers.**

**Welcome Committee for new members** - Kelly Schilling– Some t-shirts are available now for new members depending on the size you need. Additional shirts are ordered. We have two shirts with collars available for sale \$20, size XL. Shirts are in Kelly said.

**Deb’s church event** – Deb’s church is having a community event on the 26 of August from 11:00 to 3:00. She invited us to have a booth to promote the SBD and the Downtown Optimist Club. No cost to the club. Will need two or three workers. Will need tables for booth space and a SBD Car to display. We will need canopy since it will be a hot day. Set up will start at 10:00 am.

**Koeze nuts sale** – We don’t want to lose Red’s customers. Steve said that all of Red’s Customers have been taken now.

**Amish jams for sale** are ordered. Christmas Trees are ordered.

**New Business:**

**New Member** – Trevor Harris sponsor is Mary Dewey has submitted an application and check for membership. His selection will be voted on by the Board at our meeting on July 20. In keeping with the club’s by laws, all members have an opportunity to “express objections” to his membership. Does anyone have an objection to his membership? Travis made the motion to make Trevor Harris as a new member, C.O. Scheffer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Everyone approved to have Trevor Harris as a new member.

**District Convention** – Mary Dewey - August 18, 19, & 20. Hilton St. Louis Airport. Discount rooms available by calling the hotel 314-426-5500 before July 28. Request the East Mo Optimist Block.

Next Board meeting is July 20. We will vote on Treavor Harris’ membership.

One funding request from Compass Inc., Vicki Leighty, Compass Grant Writer for \$500 to support their Scholarship Fund for underserved Columbia youth.

We will continue discussion about becoming a 501c-3 organization. Decided to table until both Jack and Steve could be there.

Finalize social plans for the 27<sup>th</sup>.

We will work on details and a date for a membership event, maybe at Midway.

Rick Mckernan let us know that the 2023-2024 Youth International Contest Topics are out. For the Oratorical and Communication Contest for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

**Contest the topic is “How to Change the World with Optimism” and Essay Contest topic is “Optimism: How it Connects Us.” World Oratorical is this week in St. Louis.**

**Carl Scott let us know that Senior Citizen Center will hosting a Ice Cream Social on July 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 pm. They are hurting for money not sure how much long they will be open.**

**Travis Kempf as let us know that he is selling tickets for the Ham Breakfast for \$20.00 and Gun Sale tickets for \$25.00. There was 200 hams this year brought into the fair and the top 40 will be sold on Saturday after the Ham Breakfast.**

**Speaker for the Day – C. O Sheffer, Member Spotlight**

**His real name is Clement Odine Scheffer IV**

**Born in Southeast Missouri**

**Parents are Sonny and Bonnie Scheffer and 1 brother name Lance.**

**He went to a small elementary school where there were 2 grades in one class, Thomas W Kelly High School 1999.**

**His dad and grandfather owned and operator a C.O. Gas Station and Convenience Store for 25 years in Southeast Missouri.**

**C.O. went to Mizzou and graduation in 2003 with a Personal Finance degree. During the time he was in college he worked at Applebee’s in the kitchen, Nowell’s on Nifong from 2001-2003, and Jimmy John deliver driver. In the summer of 2003 he applied at a part-time teller at several of the bank branches in October 6, 2003 at Boone County National Bank/Central Bank of Boone County. During this journey he meet his wife Rachel after being there for 6 months. He became a Montage Loan Officer in October 2007.**

**Joined the Downtown Optimist Club after Travis Kempf when asked to come to a meeting on December 17, 2007. During the meeting they were looking for Tree Lot helper so, he said “I will help.” His 1<sup>st</sup> shift on the tree lot got him hooked. 2011 he started keeping schedule for all the worker. He was on the board in 2009, Treasurer from 2010-2018, and President 2015-2016. He reads the Optimist Creed everyday it is a powerful saying that helps him through the hard time.**

**He and Rachel married in 2007. They have 2 sons Henry who is a 8<sup>th</sup> grader and Jack who is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Henry is the plays sports and Jack is play sports and other stuff. They also have a new dog named Olive who is 1 years old.**

**Optimist Creed was recited and meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm**

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<b>July 2023</b>							<a href="#">Aug 2023</a> ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2 <b>International</b>	3 <b>Convention No Meeting</b>	4 <b>Until</b>	5 <b>End</b>	6	7	8	
9	10 <b>Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker ??</b>	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17 <b>Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker C. O. Scheffer</b>	18	19	20	21	22	
23 <b>Show Me State Games</b>	24 <b>Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker Sean Spence New Book Breaking Barriers Disability History</b>	25	26	27 <b>Downtown Optimist Club Party at 6:00 pm  Cost \$10.00</b>	28	29	
30 <b>Show Me State Games</b>	31 <b>Club meeting at 12 pm at the Clubhouse Speaker Aleesha Coke from Moberly Area Community College</b>						





**Join us in the coliseum arena for the BOUNCE HOUSE ZONE! A rest stop for mom & dad, and amazing bounce houses for the kids! All INCLUDED in gate admission!! Thanks to Rockin' Rents Inflatables & Tents for the inflatables all week! And a SPECIAL THANK YOU to @Downtown Optimist Club of Columbia for their generous sponsorship of the bounce house kids zone!**

