



## THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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### **The Weekly Bulletin Monday, June 17, 2019**

Call to order: President Dewey at 12:05 pm

Invocation: Mary Dewey

Pledge: Jim Murphy

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

Red Leighton's wife Dorcas Leighton

#### **Welcome any new or returning members**

None

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Red and Dorcas Leighton 70th Wedding Anniversary was on Saturday, June 15.

#### **Mystery Person**

Jake Jolley gave the gift card to Rick McKernan. Rick declined and passed the gift card to Jim Murphy via blind drawing from a stack of recognition he had in his hand from the Soap Box Derby club helpers

#### **Sign In or Pay the Pig**

None

#### **President Announcements**

- **Board Meeting:** President Dewey reminder everyone about the board meeting this Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 pm at the Club house.
- **Food Bank:** Jim Murphy and Larry Fick were working on packing cheerios, Bagel midis (holes) and cane sugar
- **Socials:** Summer Games and BBQ - Thursday, July 11, 2019 at the clubhouse at 6:00 pm. Looking for club members to help out with this event. . Larry Fick is now collecting money for the event, \$10/adult. Kids eat free. If you are interested in attending the event please contact Larry Fick to purchase tickets. We have 23 adults sign up right now for the July 11 social. We are serving Pork Streaks, Bake Beans, salad and homemade ice cream.
- **Soap Box Derby:** Rick McKernan passed out Thank You Certificates to all the folks who helped out with the Soap Box Derby. Rick Mckernan, Chuck Boot and other person (I am sorry can't remember their name) went to Kansas City this past weekend to their Soap Box Derby event. They only had 26 drivers there. It because of the Downtown Optimist Club that is why Columbia Soap Box Derby is so big.
- **Bike Safety Rodeo:** President Dewey would like to Thanks to Carl Scott, Scott Stager, Red Legtinton , and Rick McKene for coming out Thursday to help with the Bike Safety Rodeo. The weather was just right and we had 22 kids who came out and took part in our Bike Safety Rodeo. Mary will check to see if we can use the Karis Church again next year everyone like that location.

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- **Show Me State Games:** Jake Jolley (Games this year are Sunday, July 21st and 28th). We will helping out handing out soccer medals on those days.
- **Disaster Relief Supply Drive:** If anyone wants to help out with Disaster Relief Supply Drive by donating supplies or money for this drive. You can bring the supplies or the money to my office which is located at 701 East Ash Street.
- **Garden Party:** Steve Winter Garden Party is this Thursday, June 20 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. There will be a 5 steam drum players will be there for our entertainment.

**Announcements from the Floor:** No other announcements from the floor

### **Today's Speaker**

Janice Brooks from Columbia Housing Authority/ Moving A Head, Morgan Bushcer the Teen Coordinator and Nia Schnieder a CARE worker. Janice talked to us about the Fall After School & Full Day Summer Program. Last year the summer program had more than 80 children and teens fought back against the summer learning loss with the Moving A Head all day out-of-school program. Their program is held at the Blind Boone Community Center at 301 N. Providence. One step through the door way just after 8:30 am on any weekday and Saturday morning between July 2 -August 4. The program provided 3 meals a day for the children with funding from the Summer Food Service Program and NO Kid Hungry SFSP grants. Other sponsors who help fund the After & School and Summer Full Day Program are City of Columbia Social Service Fund, Veterans Untied, Downtown Optimist Club (helped with field trips), Boone County Children's Service Fund and many more. In the morning the children have a learning period where the MAP staff with community partners will help the children with their math, reading, STEM and cultural actives. In the fall the MIZZOU School of Education Students will plan and implement reading programs for K-3rd grade students to help improve their reading levels. They served 3000 meals in one month during the summer. Proper nutrition's has been shown to help the students maintain their attention as they are learning through the day.

In the afternoon the students were transported on local trips by their 15 passenger van provided and maintained by CHA. Some trips they go on include bowling, ice and roller skating, and swimming. They have also gone over to the Boys and Girls Club new culinary kitchen and DJ room. The students even go to the movies, hiking at Rock Bridge State Park through the Devil's Ice Box. The will get several school buses for their far away field trip like Union Station, Kansas City Aquarium, Mark Twain Landing, Big Surf, and many other education trip. This year they will go to the Kansas City Royal Station, Mark Twain Landing, and Missouri State Capital. They opened the Teen center 2 years ago which has helped keep high school age student participating in the Moving A Head Program. The hours of operation are 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm during the school years and Summer Camp hours are Monday through Friday are 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. They already have 90 children enroll for the fall After School Program and 20 teenagers also enrolled.

### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

- 7/1/19 Dave Fox from Show-Me State Games
- 7/8/19 Kim Dude from Children Grove
- 7/22/19 Clara UMBER from Ten Outreach Program
- 7/29/19 Soap Box Derby winners

- 8/1/19 Tour of the New Ag Park next to ARC at 5:15 pm
- 8/5/19 Ellen Drummond from Junior Achievement Program
- 8/9 -10/19 4th quarter Missouri East Conference at Holiday Inn Executive Center
- 8/12/19 Nanette Ward from Human Trafficking
- 8/19/19 Ron Rowe from Youth Community Coalition
- 8/26/19 Karen Grindler from Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center
- 9/9/19 Carrie Gartner from the Business Loop District (talking about the New Loop)

Adjourn with the Creed:

*Optimistically Yours,*

Mary Dewey, President



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