



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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The Weekly Bulletin Monday, June 24, 2019

Call to order: President Dewey at 12:01 p.m.

Invocation: Mary Dewey

Pledge: Jim Murphy

Attendance: 14 members

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

None

Welcome any new or returning members

None

Birthdays and Anniversaries

None

Mystery Person

Mary gave to Scott Stager in appreciation of help with taking minutes

Sign In or Pay the Pig

None

President Announcements

- On August 9-11 the **Optimist district meeting** is here in Columbia. There will be a demonstration of soap box derby cars. Email Mary Dewey at mcountryfun@hotmail.com by Wednesday, July 17 if you interested in attending the 4th qtr East District Conference. The conference will held here in Columbia, MO at the Holiday Inn Expo Center by the Columbia Mall.
- **Board meeting this past Thursday.**
There were no funding requests.

We did talk about the new sign for John Sapp Memorial Tree Lot. The sign will go under the light as you enter the tree lot. We also talked about the new time and date for the club meeting. We are looking at 5:15 pm on Monday evening. Also talked about finding someone to replace Jim Murphy on drilling the Christmas trees this year.

Steve Klein provided a bit of further discussion on the question of a trial of Monday early evening meetings. Some further discussion occurred. The evening meetings will be an experiment to see if it can increase meeting attendance.

- **Food Bank:** Jim Murphy - Chicken fingers after chicken fingers
- **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.
- **Show Me State Games:** Jake Jolley (Games this year are Sunday, July 21st and 28th). Jake still needs more people both days. Afternoon shift on the 21st and both shifts on the 28th.

Today's Speaker

Mike Harvey of Douglass Baseball League Association was our speaker today. The league started in 1996. Mike has been involved for 10 years and is now the league president. Our own Pat Brown has been involved since the beginning. The league is sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation with some funding provided by donations.

The purpose of this league is to provide the opportunity to play non competitive baseball for all kids from 5 to 10 years of age. It offers a chance for kids to get together and just have fun. It exposes kids who have never played baseball or similar sports before to the experience of team play.

There are three levels of play. T-ball for 5-6 year olds; Coach pitch for 7-8 years old, and kid pitch for ages 9-10.

The league provides shirts, balls, gloves, and bats. All activities are run and supervised by volunteers. Kids get to play 10 games within a season. At the end there is picnic with pictures and a medallion.

Play is on Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Douglass Park field. T-ball is played on two of those night and the other 2 groups play on two other nights.

There is a fee of \$27 per child with some scholarships available to cover about half the cost.

This year MU gave them a chance to attend MU games. They are also going to take a trip to KC to visit the Negro League Hall of Fame.

This year there are 137 kids involved. That is more than earlier years.

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 the Executive Director/ The Loop CID

Adjourn with the Creed:

Optimistically Yours,

Mary Dewey, President and Scott Stager, Sub Secretary



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