



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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The Weekly Bulletin Monday, May 20, 2019

Call to order: President Dewey at 12:05 p.m.

Invocation: Mary Dewey

Pledge: Ken Oster

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

Welcome any new or returning members

None

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Charlie and Bonnie Langreder Wedding Anniversary

Mystery Person

Jake Jolley gave the HyVee gift card to Larry Fick

Sign In or Pay the Pig

Carl Scott paid the pig: First quarter went for Jack Curtis for passing out the District Junior Golf Tournament that will take place this Wednesday at the St. Genevieve Golf Club. 2nd quarter was for all the youth who graduated two weeks ago. 3rd quarter was for the Rock Bridge Boys Tennis winning state for the 4th year in a row. Mary Dewey paid the pig for her name tag which she misplaced somewhere.

President Announcements

- **Food Bank:** Jim Murphy said "They put buddy pack together a couple of weeks ago."
- **Soap Box Derby:** President Mary Dewey asked Rick McKernan to provide an update on Soap Box Derby still for adult driver to drive the trucks to bring the Soap Box Derby from the club house, and back up the hill after they have raced. Also do we still want to keep this just a Downtown Optimist Club event or should we bring the other Optimist Clubs in too.
- **Scholarships:**
 - President Mary Dewey would like to Thank the club members who helped out two week ago in handing out the high school scholarships awards. Jim Murphy for Hickman High School, Steve Klein for Rock Bridge High School, and Rick McKernan for Douglass High School.
- **Socials:** Summer Games and BBQ - Thursday, July 11, 2019 at the clubhouse at 6:00 pm. Larry Fick is now starting to collect the money for this social. The cost is \$10.00 each.
- **Boone County Relay for Life walk:** President Mary Dewey would like to Thank Carl Scott, and Brett Sappington who came out Friday night to walk for the CURE for Cancer.
- **Bike Safety Rodeo:** We have postpone the Bike Safety Rodeo this week to next week Thursday, June 13 due to the heavy rain coming in all day Thursday. This event will be taking place at Karis Church (606 Ridgeway Ave) from 5:00 to 7:00 pm with set up at 4:00 pm. Need help with bringing stuff over from the club house to the church that day too

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beside helping with stations.

- **Show Me State Games- Jake Jolley** passed around the signup sheet for club member help out with handing out the medals for the Show Me State Games on Sunday, June 21st and Sunday, June 28th. There are two shifts 9 am to 1pm and 1pm to 5pm. We have been doing this for the past 20 years.
- **Floor Announcements:**
Jake Jolley announced that his daughter Sarah Jolley with a degree in English, history, and political science. Phi beta kappa and Summa cum laude. Way to Go Sarah.

Today's Speaker

Today's speaker is Brittney Abbott from The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri. Brittney wanted us to know about the upcoming Hope for Heroes 5 K that will take place on Saturday, June 15th at 7:30 am from Nickell Shelter at COSMO Park. This run/walk will benefitting the VIP Veterans Pack, Monthly Food Box for Veterans in need. Thank you for your continued supports to the Buddy pack Program. There are 37 Boone County Schools with 1,998 students benefit from this program. Next year there may be 32 Boone County schools that will only go to school 4 days a week. So they are looking at what should they do, for example, giving the kids more food in their buddy packs. Students want different kinds of food. They are looking at getting more healthy meal in the buddy pack and change the meal each week than the same meal each week. Summer Feeding program will help fill the need feeding kids over the summer in Columbia. Lunch will be served Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Last year feed 82 hundred meals in the 4 parks in Columbia. They work with the Columbia Police Officers and City of Columbia are their sponsors for this program and partnership is with Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture for the fresh vegetables. New this year: we will be serving Columbia feeding 4 sites are Valley View, Bear Creek Park, Derby Ridge Elementary School, and Indian Hill Park with a food truck style service. The kids will be able to choose their own protein (chicken, beef, pork or black beans), veggies and rice, "Chipotle " style. There is already a lot of volunteer who already have signed up to help. The kids get to eat free but, if their grandparent or parent or old sibling brings them they can eat for \$5.00. There is also Summer Feeding program that take place in Jefferson City, Centralia and Kirksville. These three site will not have the food truck. Central Missouri Food Bank and Northeast Missouri is the only food bank in the state to provide that food at no charge to other organizations. What is a mobile pantry is essentially a food pantry on wheels, bringing food right where it is needed most. The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri operates 16 mobile pantry distributions monthly across our 32-county service area. One of the primary benefits of a mobile pantry is the ability to bring food to families and individuals in need, focusing on neighborhoods lacking brick and mortar pantries or with more need than agencies in the area can handle.

What exactly is a mobile pantry? It is a beverage truck that has been converted to act as a pantry on wheels. The truck arrives at its distribution location, the sides open up and the food is unloaded onto tables. Families and individuals line up and are able to get the food they need. The mobile pantry trucks are refrigerated, allowing The Food Bank to stock them with as much fresh produce, protein and dairy as possible. **Through empowerment, education and partnerships, The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri brings together community resources to feed people in need.**

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 6/10/19 MacKenzie Everett-Kennedy from Hickman Review
- 6/17/19 Janice Brooks from Columbia Housing Authority/ Moving A Head
- 6/24/19
- 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
- 8/5/19 Ellen Drummond from Junior Achievement Program

Adjourn with the Creed: 12:58 p.m.

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Mary Dewey, President

East Missouri District 2018-2019 "IT'S FOR THE KIDS"