



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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The Weekly Bulletin Monday, May 20, 2019

Call to order: President Dewey at 12:02 p.m.

Invocation: Rick McKernan

Pledge: Jerry Sullvin

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

Welcome any new or returning members

None

Birthdays and Anniversaries

None

Mystery Person

Mary Dewey gave the HyVee gift card to Rick McKernan for all he had done to get the clubhouse up to code for the Fire Department extrication

Sign In or Pay the Pig

None

President Announcements

- **Board Meeting:** We helped fund the Columbia Housing Authority / Moving A Head \$3,000 for their Summer Afterschool and Day Camp. We will be making a John Sapp Memorial Tree Lot Sign that will reveal several days before opening day of the tree lot with the press there and honor guest. Talked about hosting a Request the Law event with other Optimist clubs in Columbia like Kids First and Sunrise clubs.
- **Food Bank:** Jim Murphy said "They put buddy pack together a couple of weeks ago."
- **Soap Box Derby:** President Dewey asked Rick Mckernan to provide an update on Soap Box Derby had 3 clinics this past week all the cars are down. Still need 2 more drivers ages are 9 to 17 for Super Stock and 7 to 13 years old for the Stock. Still needing drivers the day of the race.
- **Scholarships:**
 - President Dewey indicated scholarship awards will be presented at the Columbia high schools as per the dates and times below:
 - Douglass High School: Friday, 5/24/19 at 10:00 a.m. at Missouri Theatre. Rick Mckernan has agreed to make the presentation;
 - Hickman High School: Tuesday, 5/21/19 at 7:00 p.m. in Hickman Gym. Jim Murphy as agreed to make the presentation;
 - Rockbridge High School: Wednesday, 5/22/19 at 7:00 p.m. in Rockbridge Gym. Steve Klein has agreed to make the presentation.
 - Battle High School: Wednesday, 5/22/19 at 6:15 p.m. in Battle Gym. A D.O. Club member to give presentation has not yet been determined. We are checking with a D.O. Club member, who is a teacher at Battle High School, to see if he will make the presentation.

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- **Socials:** Summer Games and BBQ - Thursday, July 11, 2019 at the clubhouse at 6:00 pm.
- **Boone County Relay for Life walk:** This event occurs on Friday, 5/31/19 at Hickman High School Track from 5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Please come out and support the American Cancer Association in finding a CURE for Cancer.
- **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: Jake Jolley emailed me

The show me state games are coming up and we have for the past 20 plus years handed out soccer medals on 2 Sundays in July. This year it will be July 21st and 28th and I would be happy to run that for the club and would also welcome a new person to assist. I will be at the lunch June 3rd to kick off the sign up.

Today's Speaker

Today's speaker is Kelly Meyer - Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home. Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home was started by Larry and Cathy McDaniel who saw a need for this service for the children. So, in 1991 Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home has existed provide a processional yet traditional home environment for abused and neglected children. The 1st house was completed in 1997 and named Cathy's Home, 2nd house was completed in 1999 and named the Zimmer's Home, 3th house was completed in 2000 and named the Hubbell's Home, 4th house was completed inn 2011 and named the Wright's Home, 5th house was completed in 2014 and named the Atherton's Home and the current and 6th house was completed in 2019 and named the Petershein's Home. They will be starting their 7 house this summer. Each home have 8 kids and 2 house parents, and 1 support parent that comes in and help when they are needed. Each o f the house have a downstairs where there is a library area where the tutors can help them with their reading. There is two kids in each bedroom where they get to decorate to make it fell like their own. She said "Sometime they have to separate the siblings if there is no room for them all in one house." For, example, if there are 4 sibling 2 boys and 2 girls they will put in two different house if there is only room for 2 boys in one house because the girl's room is full. But, they will see each other every day when they are doing stuff around the grounds. The older kids do step up and help with the young kids when they need to and they also help with fixing dinner for the family. The real parents have the right to visit their kids with supervisor with a caseworker or a family service counselors, weekend visit which is baby steps.

There is training for life programs that the kids go through:

Coyote Hill's program is organized around five focused areas of education and training. Combined together, they seek to serve the whole child with their development and create cycles of success. Success as an individual, and future success as a parent, employee and community member.

1) Consistency and Structure

2) Educational Tutoring

3) Life Skills (We helped this part last year)

All youth at Coyote Hill are immediately started in the Life Skills Program. Our children often lack basic life skills when they arrive. Developing appropriate ways to express anger, accepting "no"

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answers from authority figures, or treating others' belongings with respect and care are integral skills for a child's future success. Practical life skills such as learning to do laundry, cleaning, hygiene and cooking are also included. This program teaches youth basic skills, in accordance with their age, and involves setting goals for each child. Staff and volunteers seek to equip and encourage our children to meet their goals and celebrate with them whenever they are met.

4) Vocational Skills

5) Independent Living Skills

At age 12 years and older the kids can get a job there from mowing the yards, helping in the office and helping in other areas. Each children who want a jobs will have to fill out a job application, go through and interview, and clock in and out just like a real job To find out more about Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home their website is www.coyotehill.org.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- 5/27/19 - NO MEETING (Memorial Day)
- 6/3/19 - Julia Dorm and Brittney Abbott from The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri
- 6/10/19 - MacKenzie Everett-Kennedy from Hickman Review
- 6/17/19 Janice Brooks from Columbia Housing Authority/ Moving A Head
- 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
- 8/5/19 - Ellen Drummond from Junior Achievement Program

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

Optimistically Yours,

Mary Dewey, President



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