



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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The Weekly Bulletin

Monday, May 6, 2019

Call to Order: President, Mary Dewey

Invocation: Sid Sullivn

Pledge: Steve Winter

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Mystery Person: Ken Oster gave the last jar of Kozee Nuts to Bonnie Langreder for wearing RED Today

Announcements:

Sign In or Pay the Pig Carl paid the pig for Steve Winter and Larry Fick for all their hard work on the Social Dinner on the Thursday, May 2. Red's 94th Birthday that was Thursday May 2. Carl Scott clean out the Pig for us. Larry Fick Honor 2018 from the Central and Columbia Food bank. Mrs. Hayes a music teacher from Rigeway who is retiring this year from 47 year and total of 53 years. There was \$40.00 that we gave for Children Cancer from the pig.

Welcome any new or returning members:

Talk about the District Meeting: Our club came in 1st place over the the Tri City Ladies by 6,350 points in the A and A point. Way to go Club and Thank you Carl Scott and Ken Oster in turning all those points for the club. The oratorical speaker were great. The winner came from Marble Hill, MO and he had the crowd going with his speak. There was one young man who was a 7th grade from Ashland , MO and he was Autism. The 4th quarter conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Executive Center August 9th through 11th. The training for next year offices will take place on August 10th. There will election for the first time for the Lt. Governor Elect during the 4th qtr conference. Everyone should try to make the 4th qtr conference.

Food Bank: Larry Fick and Jim Murphy packing buddy packs and applesauce. NO more Hotdogs

Soap Box Derby:

Rick Mckernan stated the D.O. Club 2019 Mid Missouri Soap Box Derby is Sunday, 6/9/19. Rick says "We need two more drivers for the super master stock cars." There is only 4 weeks left until the Soap Box Derby is here.

Scholarship: Cyrilla Galbreath

- 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 to see if he will 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.**

I would like to Thank Larry Fick and Steve Winter for all their hard work in making Thursday, May 2 Dos De Mayo was very successful and the food was great. Follow up from Steve Winter or Larry Fick. Also like to thank all the club members and their wife who helped set up and clean up too. We raised \$106 for Children Cancer that night on the raffle tickets. Congrats to Red Leighton on winning the prize. Don't forget the other upcoming socials:

- **Summer Games and BBQ - Thursday, 7/11/19.**
- **Annual Shrimp Feed - Tuesday, 11/5/19.**

Congratulation to Pat Brown on his a lifetime achievement award that he received from the Fun City Youth Academy this past Saturday Champion Dinner. Sid Sullivan, and wife and Carl Scott attended the dinner. Sid said " The dinner was great, and Pat worked with the Fun City Youth Academy for 30 years and 10 years on the board." Pat Brown thank the Optimist Club for our support in helping the Fun City Youth Kids.

This , Saturday, May 11th, 2019: Hallsville Optimist Club will be hosting a Casino/Bunco Night and Taco Bar at the Bob Lemone Building at 6:00 pm. Cost for playing Casino is \$20.00 for a bag of 2000 chips, \$10.00 to play Bunco game, \$10.00 Bottomles Cup and \$10.00 for All you eat Taco Bar. There is a 50/50 raffle. The money goes back to the Community of Hallsville, for example, Local scholarships to Buddy Sacks

Friday, May 31, 2019: Boone County Relay for Life walk at Hickman High School Track from 5:30 to 11:30 pm. Come out and support the American Cancer Association in a finding a CURE for Cancer.

Thursday , June 6th, 2019: Bike Safety Rodeo at Karis Church (606 Ridgeway Ave) from 5:00 to 7:00 pm with set up starting 4:00 pm.

Steve Winter Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture Birthday Party and Taco Potluck is this Friday, May 10th from 6 to 8 pm at the Urban Farm 1209 Smith Street. We donated the rest of the taco supplies from our diner on Thursday, May 2.

Board Meeting next Thursday, May 16 at the Tiger Hotel at 6:00 pm. Meeting has been moved due to the Soap Box Derby Cars are coming down from upstairs to get worked on.

Today's Speaker:

Our speaker today was Coordinator Kelly Srigley-Werner from the Missouri State Private Lands US Fish and Wildlife Service, along with her husband, Wes Werner 13th Circuit Court Marshall for Boone and Callaway Court Room.

They told us about Monarch Butterflies and their plight up the United States to Canada. They explained there is an Eastern population and a Western population with the Rocky Mountains as the dividing line. The Eastern population is faring better than the Western because of the wild fires that occurred in the West.

The most important plant needed for the butterflies is milkweed. There are three types: common, swamp, and butterfly. The butterflies lay their eggs on these plants, when they become caterpillars, they eat the milkweed eventually turn into a beautiful Monarch butterfly! Then continue on their merry way to Canada, then in August they will head back to Mexico.

Her husband, Wes, works with kids that need guidance, so he decided to get them involved in nature. The City of Columbia Juvenile Office has a program with 8-10 kids between 13-17 years old on Saturday morning. Wes and Kelly take these kids on field trips to discover nature. For example they will go to the Missouri River and introduce them to different kinds of wildlife.

They will get them involved in prairie planting milkweed and other types of plants to improve not only the Monarch butterfly population but other types of butterflies and insects.

Kelly did say that they are always looking for volunteers, if anyone is interested in getting in touch with her, she said to contact our president, Mary.

Upcoming Speakers:

Monday, May 13, 2019	Right Now NO Speaker
Monday, May 20, 2019	Kelly Meyer from Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home
Monday, May 27, 2019	NO MEETING (Memorial Day)
Monday, June 3, 2019	Julia Dorm and Brittney Abbott from The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri
Monday, June 10, 2019	MacKenzie Everett-Kennedy from Hickman Review and Celena Schmolzi the winner from the Optimist Essay Contest.
Monday, July 22, 2019	Clara Umber from Ten Outreach Program
Monday. August 5, 2019	Ellen Drummond from Junior Achievement Program

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