



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club Zoom Meeting Newsletter

August 2, 2021 at 12:09 pm

Members attended In person President: Tony Parisio, Rick McKernan, John Jones, Red Leighton, Carl Scott, Steve Klien and Larry Fick By Zoom Mary Dewey, and Scott Stager,

Prayer/Pledge for August 2: John Jones Prayer and Larry Fick Pledge

Birthday/Anniversary: N/A

Rick talked about the “**Hallsville’s Back 2 the Future 20th Anniversary of Hallsville Optimist Club**”. Dave Murphy started that club in 2001. This event will take place on **Saturday, August 14 from 6 to??**. The cost is \$120 for a table of 6 or \$25.00 for single person. We will be taking to get couple of tables for that night. Dinner served at 6:00 pm with live music from Bruce Poe Band at 7:00 pm. There is **50/50 raffle and silent acution. This will take place at the Bob Lemone Building (500 N Route Z) Hallsville, MO. Member who are going are: John Jones and his wife, Rick McKernan and his wife and Valerie Goodin. Rick has 2 more ticket left for the table. Please let me know if you would like to go to this event in Hallsville.**

Steve Winter is working on having a social dinner on Wednesday, September 1 Hamburger, Hotdogs, Tator Salad, Lettuce Salad, cobbler and ice cream. More information will come out later. Can’t wait to see everyone again. Larry Fick will start collect the \$10.00 from members as soon as he get back in town. We will ask the member’s wife who have passed away this way we are letting them know we are still thinking of them. Also, have soapbox kids and their families join us too. **Cost is \$10.00 a person and time will from 6 to 8 pm at the clubhouse. Look at attached flyer for more detail.**

John Jones is working on a service project for the club. The project will be serving breakfast on Tuesday, August 17 at Blue Ridge Elementary School teacher. There will be about 50 staff members there for breakfast. We will be serving (his wife is making sausage gravy) and buy biscuits from SAM’S Clubs, pancakes, eggs, fruit with coffee and juice. This will only cost us around \$200. John is looking for grinders and electric frying pans. Let him know if you have any that we can us for that day his email address is john.jones@simmonsbank.com. He is looking for 2 to 3 more club members to help that morning. We will start cooking at 7:00 am and service at 8:30 am. Please bring your electric grillers if you have one that we can use for that day.

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Rick McKernan will be working on getting our new register flyer ready for us to hand out by the August Family Fun Fest on Wednesday, August 18th which will be at Albert-Oakland Park.

Tony Parisio also let everyone know that 4th qtr. Convention will be held in Cape Girardeu, MO from Friday August 13 through Sunday morning August 15. There will be a Gala on Saturday evening, which will cost \$30.00. So far, Tony Parisio, Mary Dewey and Jerry Sullivin have signed up to go to the convention. Please let Tony know if you are interested in going to the convention so we can send your register in.

Mary Dewey talked about the Family Fun Fests that is a program that the Parks and Recreation host every summer for families to come out to the park and have fun. She has signed up the Optimist Clubs in Columbia for an information booth so we can talk about Optimist how we help the youth in the community. We have information for parents to take with them and game for the kids to play while we are talking the parents. The dates and theme for this event are on Wednesday from 5 to 8 pm. Third Park on August 18 will be at Albert-Oakland theme Bookworms and Butterflies. The last park on September 15 will be at Cosmo-Bethel Park theme Creative Kids. C.O. Scheffer will send out the sign up Genius out this week for people to sign up and help with the Family Fun Fests.

August 19 there is a board meeting at 6:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Right now we have only one fund request from the CYBA (Columbia Youth Basketball Association) for sponsorship of 2 basketball teams for \$300.

Bike Safety Rodeo will be held at Karis Church (606 Ridgeway Ave) parking lot on Saturday, August 25 from 9 to 11 am. Please let me know if you would like to help with this event by email at mcourtyfun@hotmail.com. Thank you

Talked about the Bill of Right Geocaching program we what to host this fall. Taking the kids by bus to the Missouri Capital. We also talked about some different fundraiser and different event to bring the community together that the club and do this year or next year besides selling trees and Koeze Nuts.

Closed with the Optimist Creed that was led by Carl Scott

Meeting end at 1:05 pm

Tony Parisio, President



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