



## THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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### Downtown Optimist Club Zoom Meeting Newsletter

August 23, 2021 at 12:09 pm

Members attended In person President: Tony Parisio, Rick McKernan, Red Leighton, Jerry Sullivan, John Jones, Mike Hackett, Larry Fick, Carl Scott Steve Winter and Steve Kline and By Zoom Scott Stager: Special Guest were Marilyn McCreary and Elizabeth O'Connell from KidsFrist Optimist Club and Jennifer Schenk from Columbia Connection Exchange

Prayer/Pledge for August 16: John Jones Prayer and Steve Klien Pledge

Birthday/Anniversary: N/A

From KidsFrist Optimist Club Marilyn McCreary and Eliabeth O'Connell talked to us about their bus tour of Missouri. The bus tour is on November 2, 2021 and will be touring Walt Disney Hometown Museum, enjoy a catered lunch, attend the comedy Ripcord at Maple Repertory in Macon and visit Koch's General Store. The cost is \$125.00 a person, which includes transportation, ticket, meal, tax and gratuities. Payment is deadline is October 1. All proceeds go to Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Optimist Club of Columbia. They also talked about Santa's Ballroom Hoedown that will be on Saturday, December 4 from 6 to 9:30 pm at the Sunrise Optimist Club Building. It will be dinner and dance to benefit Coyote Hill, Rainbow House and KidsFirst Optimist's other Charities. Cost is \$35.00 per person.

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. (Looking for someone new to take over as Social Committee Chair Steve is going to step back from this committee). Money due at the end of the Monday, August 30 Meeting**

John Jones like to Thank the following club members who help at the Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> Breakfast for the about 70 staff members at Blue Ridge Elementary School. We will be serving (his wife is making sausage gravy) and buy biscuits from SAM'S Clubs, pancakes, eggs, fruit with coffee and juice. The members who were Tony Parisio and his daughter, Mary Dewey, John Jones and Rick McKernan. We had a great time making all different kinds of pancakes and scramble eggs.

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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 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. Mary would like to thank the KidsFirst Maylin McCreary and Mike Davis for coming out and help the night of August 18 at Oakland Park. Thanks Mike for the music and letting kids and adult sing. Also thank Tony Parisio for setting it up and Rick McKernan coming out talking to people about the Optimist.

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 [mcounrtyfun@hotmail.com](mailto:mcounrtyfun@hotmail.com). Thank you. Will need to be there at 8:00 am to help, set up.

They talked about the tree lot coming up. Not sure, what they were talking about I was there for the meeting. For more information about this check with Tony.

Red wants to know when we will be meeting somewhere they have food like HyVee.

Our Guest speaker: Jennifer Schenk from Columbia Connection Exchange. They are located on 1020 E Walnut St. Ste. 1010 #100, their email address is [info@connction-exchange.com](mailto:info@connction-exchange.com) and phone number is (573) 312-0628.

Jennifer is co-owner/cofounder and chief connector exchange. Her company give out welcome bags to new business in Columbia community. They make them feel welcome to Columbia. Help with their marketing of their business through items like a coffee cup that they can hand out to the public at an event they are at the time. Help them with partnership with other business in Columbia. If you want to learn more about this company look them up online.

Closed with the Optimist Creed that was Jerry Sullivin

Meeting end at 1:05 pm

**Tony Parisio, President**



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**Here is a picture of Tony the Queen of Heart Winner**

