



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club Zoom Meeting Newsletter

August 30, 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, and Steve Kline and By Zoom Scott Stager, Mary Dewey, and Deb Swanegen: Special Guest: Lister Floyd

Prayer/Pledge for August 16: John Jones Prayer and Larry Fick Pledge

Birthday/Anniversary: Deb Swanegen's Birthday is today August 30

From KidsFirst Optimist Club 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 1st 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.

Social dinner on Wednesday, September 1 Hamburger, Hotdogs, Tator Salad, Lettuce Salad, cobbler and ice cream. More information will come out later. We will ask the member's wife who have passed away this way we are letting them know we are still thinking of them. Chuck Boot will be grill the hamburgers and hotdogs for us that evening with the help from other club members. **Steve Winter was Deployed Saturday with Boone County Task Force 1 to Louisiana. 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 to Larry Fick.**

John Jones like to Thank the following club members who help at the Tuesday, August 17th 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.

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. Will need to be there at 8:00 am to help, set up. So far I have help from Kristin Bailey and Jerry Sullivan.

They talked about cleaning up the clubhouse from the outside to the inside. We need to clean upstairs back two rooms, the kitchen area downstairs for examples. We need to make sure we put things back where we get things at not just let it lay around the building hoping someone else will put it back for you. We will be doing a workday at the clubhouse sometime in October before the tree come in November.

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

Closed with the Optimist Creed that was Jerry Mike Hackett

Meeting end at 12:42 pm

Tony Parisio, President



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NO Meeting on Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)