



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club Zoom Meeting Newsletter

February 22, 2021

Members attended:

On February 22 meeting:, Rick McKernan, Mary Dewey, Ed Musterman, Scott Stager, Max Miller, Tony Parisio, Jerry Sullivan, John Jones (guest and new member to be), and Special Guest Lister Florence

Prayer/Pledge for February 1: Rick McKernan Prayer and Max Miller Pledge

Birthday: N/A

Board Meeting Thursday February 18: We have 2 funding request: Greg Gilmore from the Daniel Boone Baseball and Softball League \$700. Julie Dorn from the Central and Northeast Missouri Food Bank \$5000. Postponed until March 18 board meeting.

A busy week for the Downtown Optimist Club

Rick McKernan Geocaching/Scavenger Hunt

This event will get the kids out of the house with their parents. They will going to 10 of the City Parks and Recreation Parks in town looking for the geocaching object that will the Optimist Creed inside. Each Creed will have a line that is bold that they will have to read and take a selfies of themselves with Creed in their hand. Creed will have a number on them letting us know which park they are coming from.

They will text their selfies picture to a central phone. They will have to find all 10 geocaching to be enter into the prizes. The prizes will be going to the first 10 kids who found all 10 geocaching Creeds and sent their pictures in to use will win \$50.00 gift cards. We will need 10 volunteer to make sure that all the Creeds are still where we put them in the park and check to see who have been there. There will be a small notebook inside where the kids will sign their name saying they were there and what that line of the Creed met to them in one sentence. We would like to put this event on for 4 days, which will be Wednesday, February 24 through Sunday, February 28.

Rick McKernan also talked about the upcoming Oratorical and Essay Contest. He sent us all the flyers for these events on Wednesday. The oratorical will take place on Tuesday, February 23 at

Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936

7:00 pm at the Sunrise Optimist Club. There will \$200 for 1st place, \$150 for 2nd place and \$100 for 3rd place. Deadline will be Monday, February 15. The Essay deadline is Friday, February 12 and mailed to the Downtown Optimist Club PO Box 1959 Columbia, MO 65201. We need volunteers to help judge the Essay contest writing and we will also to help need help to run the Oratorical contest (timer keeper and make sure everyone is quiet while speak is going on). We have 4 for the Oratorical Contest and we have 40 essays to read this year.

Rick Mckernan also talked about the Computer Giveaway that will take place in February. Rick and Deb will be meeting the City of Columbia on Tuesday about how many they have for us to giveaway this year. Volunteer Action is now taking applications for families who would like a computer for their house until the end of the month. If you know any families who need a computer please have them call Volunteer Action to get sign up. Computers will be coming to clubhouse on Wednesday, February 24, set up will on Thursday, February 25 from 6 to 10 pm and February 26 from 6:30 until ?? and Give Away will be by drive thru on Saturday, February 27. (not sure the time). Rick will be send out a signup email out soon for helping with this event. There will a be a short video that they will get with each computer. We have 40 to 50 monitor that came from BBL and 40 to 50 keyboards, hard diver and rest of the computer coming from the City of Columbia.

Mary Dewey talked to us about our upcoming 2nd Qtr. Conference that will take place by zoom on Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27. Here is the line for the conference: This is FREE

Friday, February 26

6:30 pm Gathering

7:00 pm Executive Committee meeting

7:30 pm Catch a Rising Star- Part 1

8:30 pm Fun and Fellowship

Saturday, February 27

8:30 am Coffee

9:00 am Board of Directors Meeting

9:30 am JOI Around the World

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Oratorical Contest - Karl Tyminski

10:45 am What NOT to Post to Engage Others- Mary Hatfield

11:15 am Essay Contest- Angelia Dixon

11:45 am Lunch Break

12:00 Sleep in Heavenly Peace Presentation- Steve McLean

12:30 pm Learning Management System- Liz Christman

1:00 pm Optimist Curling- Al Kersey

1:30 pm Ben's Blue Bags Presentation

2:00 pm Attendance Prizes

Be sure to REGISTER as soon as possible. There is a limited amount of Happiness Bags being sent out to the first people that register, provided by the Zone 2 Optimists. The link to register is on the East Missouri Optimist website- <https://oi-emo.org/>

Thursday, February 25 at 1:00 pm will be Jim Beckett funeral services. We are raising money for a bench in Jim's memories that will place along the walking trail that Shirley walks at Lenoir Home. Please let me know if you want to donate. Money can be sent to me at Mary Dewey 5938 Shelly Dr. Fulton, MO 65251. Make check out to Downtown Optimist Club and after I have all the money collected who wants to donate. I will give the checks to Jack to write one check out for the bench.

Also on Thursday, February 25 Kids1st Optimist Club fundraiser at Shakespeare Pizza.

Tony Parisio, President



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