



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club Zoom Meeting Newsletter

May 17, 2021 at 12:09 pm

Members attended President Tony Parisio, Rick McKernan, Mary Dewey, Deb Swanegans, Scott Stager, Jerry Sullivan, John Jones, Red Leighton, Ed Musternan Guest Lister Florence.

Prayer/Pledge for May 7 Rick McKernan, Prayer John Jones, Pledge

Birthday/Anniversary: N/A

In person meeting will start back up after Memorial Day at Simmon Bank (801 East Broadway) in the conference room. Will need to know who will coming for the in person meeting by Friday before the Monday meeting to Tony Parisio. This way John Jones can reverse the conference room if there is people coming. If you don't fill comfortable in meeting in person we will still be doing the meeting by Zoom. If you have any questions please contact Tony Parisio.

Tony read off the officers and board for 2021-2022 year (Committee member chair is Ed Musternan)

President: Tony Parisio for other year

1st Vice President: Jerry Sullivan

2nd Vice President: Nadia Ryakmayatullof

Treasurer: Jack Beard

Secretary: Phyllis Nichols

OI Foundation Rep: Mary Dewey

Rick McKernan made the motion for slate of officers and Jerry Sullivan 2nd the motion

8 Yay and 0 Nay slate of officer passed. Congratulation on our new officers for 2021-2022

Board member: Deborah Swanegan, Mike Hackett and Adam Bakos will stay on the board for other term. Vote for them will next week.

High School Scholarships Nadia Ryakmayatullof has been reading all the applications finally came up with 6 winners will receive 1 thousand scholarship each. The winners are Jade Leighty from Hickman High School, Landon Viers and Morgan McBees from Battle High School, Xavier Forte and Jadehee from Rock Bridge High School, and Arlexus Cisneres Ochan from Douglass High School. Thank you Nadia Ryakmayaullov for all your hard work on this and handing out the awards to the winners.

Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936

Board Meeting on Thursday, April 15 we had two funding request the Fun City Youth Academy for \$5000.00 and Cornerstones of Care for \$2000.00. Kristen from the Columbia office will come to the May 20 board meeting and talk about where the money will go for at the Columbia office and the youth and family here.

Rick McKernan talked about our upcoming Soapbox Derby on Sunday, June 13. “All hands on deck for this event.” They are still looking for more drivers 3 to 4 in each divisions. They will be looking for volunteers for this event. Mizzou Swim Team will not be with us this year. Because, half of the team will gone for the Olympic Trail and the other half will heading there for the next round. The volunteers will be able to help 6 to 8 hours and be able to lift the cars onto the trailers. Rick will be looking Optimist members to drive the trucks with the trailers on them up and down the hill to pick up the kids and their cars. John is going to check with the bank members to see if they want to volunteer for this event. We need about 20 people for driving the 4 trucks. The shifts will be 2 to 3 hours each. We will be checking with the other Optimist Club in Columbia and Ashland to help drive. We also need volunteers to help lift and put the derby cars on the trailers if you know any groups that can help please let Rick know.

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. The first park on June 16 will be at Cosmo Park theme Bicentennial Birthday Bash. Next Park on July 21 will be at Clary-Shy (Farmer Market) theme Healthy Habits. 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.

Steve Winter is working on having a social dinner on Wednesday, September 1 Pork Streak Dinner. More information will come out later. Can't wait to see everyone again.

Our Spot Light Club Member is our new member John Jones. He just joined the club in April.

He was born in Meriden Connecticut. Went to college at Johnson and Wales University in Providence Rhode Island, received a degree in a hotel restaurant management. As an adult, he went back to college in my early 30s and received a degree and organizational management from Saint Joseph College. On my 50th birthday, he went back to college and got my master's in business administration with a concentration in organizational management from Saint Leo University in Florida.

Most of my adult life since 1988 has been focused on fiduciary Management in the Trust Business. He started my career with Bank of America for six years and then TD Bank for the next six years and then he went on to have my own consulting firm where he would go into small trust companies work with them over a year or two to get them to profitability and compliance.

He remarried for a second time to my wife Trisha in 2019. She has two adult children age is 25 and 26 and I have two adult children ages 26 and 30. My 30-year-old is married and they live in Bentonville Arkansas. My 26-year-old is engaged to somebody that is in residency to become a doctor and he is a police officer with the Charlotte Police Department. My oldest stepdaughter he's a manager with the fastest growing company in America, better.com. My youngest stepdaughter is a full-time student getting her master's degree from the University of South Carolina. He and his wife just brought a house on the Southside of Columbia mile from Walmart on Grindstone. His wife will be teaching 2nd grade at Blue Ridge Elementary school in the fall. Blue Ridge Elementary School is also the partner education to the Simmon bank that John is the Vice President & Trust Officers. Welcome to the club John.

Closed with the Optimist Creed that was led by Jerry Sullivan

Meeting end at 1:05 pm

Tony Parisio, President



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