



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Downtown Optimist Club Zoom Meeting Newsletter

September 13, 2021 at 12:09 pm

Members attended In person President: Jim Murphy, Rick McKernan, Red Leighton, Jerry Sullivan, John Jones, Steve Winter, Carl Scott, and Steve Kline and By Zoom Scott Stager, Mary Dewey, Deb Swanegen and Tony Parisio

Prayer/Pledge for September 13: Deb Swanegen Prayer and John Jones Pledge

Birthday/Anniversary: NA

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.

Tony would like to thank everyone who helped with the Social dinner on Wednesday, September 1. Reng Winter and Paulette Fick for all their hard work making the side dishes and putting everything together the serving tables. Rick McKernan for the centerpieces and Larry Fick for collecting the money.

Steve Winter talked about the Koeze Nuts last year order information is there at the clubhouse for you to pick up. The only thing that need to copy are the President letter and the gift card information

We have a board meeting this Thursday, September 16 from 6 to 7 pm. We have 2 funding request that evening. The first one is from the CYBA for \$300 for sponsorship of two-basketball team and the other one will from Rick Mckernan for the Bill of Right geocaching for kids.

Mary Dewey The last park on September 15 will be at Cosmo-Bethel Park theme Creative Kids. Carl Scott and Tony Parisio will set up our booth, which is located in front of the shelter next to the Girl Scout of American Booth. Eva Vazquez and Jerry Sullivan will there to help with the booth that evening.

Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936

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.

Jim Murphy is having a workday to get the tree lot ready for the trees to coming in November. Workday will be Saturday, October 9th from 8:00 am for about an hour. We will be moving the stands from one area to another area and pull out the drills to make sure they are working. He is looking for 6 to 8 volunteers for that day.

We would like to Thank Ed Musterman for taking can of the tree stump in the backyard of the clubhouse. Now the backyard of the clubhouse doesn't have anything in the way when we lay out the Christmas Trees.

Tony let us know that someone or something broken the key box that is located on the south gate next to the clubhouse. The box has been replaced. The mower doesn't mow under the trailers when he does the yard. What we need to do is move the trailers after he mows so next time he will mow the area. Unless someone from our club would like to come and mow under the trailers for us.

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.

Rick talked about the



Celebrate Community – 2021 October 10- 16 Pick a day, a few days or celebrate the entire week

Celebrate Community, a joint initiative of the four major volunteer service organizations, will launch this year with a focus on local community service during the week of October 10-16, 2021.

For this first “Celebrate Community” initiative, we’re keeping things simple with a menu of recommended projects (see below) which can be conducted at little or no cost, and lend themselves to partnering with other organizations in the community – yet can make a significant difference to those served.

We encourage you to organize a project that fits the needs of your community and the interests and talents of your members. Consider teaming up with other service clubs to magnify your impact. Imagine having our volunteers working together as we Celebrate Community through service!

Before we left we talked about where we were when the planes crashed into the twin towers on September 11:

Steve Kline said, “He was in Kirksville grading papers when someone knocked on his door and told him to turn on the TV.”

Steve Winter said, “He was at work at the University and the next day he was in New York at ground level helping find anyone who could be still be alive. He was there for 11 to 12 days working 16 hours on and 8 hours off.

Deb Swanegan said, “She was teaching at Smithton and comfort the children and let them they are safe this is not going to happen here in Columbia. She also help the Muslim students were safe.”

Tony Parisio said “He was working evening when a friend called him at home and told him to turn on the TV the towers are gone.”

I am sorry I couldn’t hear everyone else who told us what they were doing that day the towers came down.

Closed with the Optimist Creed that was Carl Scott

Meeting end at 12:42 pm

Tony Parisio, President



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