



## THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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Zoom/In Person Meeting Newsletter

Monday, November 29, 2021

at Senior Citizen Center

Members attend in person: President Tony Parisio, Jerry Sullivan, Rick McKernan, Carl Scott, Red Leighton, Steve Winter, Charlie Langreder, Ken Oster, and Larry Fick, By zoom Scott Stager and Mary Dewey, and our special guest were Bonnie Langreder and John Weston

Prayer- Rick McKernan and Pledge – Larry Fick

Birthday/Anniversary: N/A

Steve Winter talked about the Koeze Nuts:

There will be a 3th and last order will be placed on today Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Everything that is out on the tables at the tree lot is all we have to sell for Koeze Nuts. We will be ordering jelly that is more peach, peanut butter cups and peanut clusters and they will be here on Wednesday.

Christmas Trees:

Tony like to thank everyone who worked this weekend at the Christmas tree lot. It was a very busy day on opening day. There was the lines were wrapped outside the building to pay for their trees and other goods and inside the lot with their trees to be netted for their cars to go home for the first 2.5 hours.

We have all the wreaths and 25 yard roping out of the shed Carl said. Tony said we made about 54 Thousand this year about the same as last year if I hear him right during the meeting. Tony also talk about a little boy who is a MACC Scholar who loved helping carrying out the trees to the cars with the help of the adults and running to do things for them like get the extra branches picked up off the lot and take them to the student making Charlie Brown trees.

We talked about couple of places we could meet at beside the Senior Citizen Center, which we pay \$2.00 a person for the room. We will check into J & J café where they don't charge for the room. We also look at Shakespeare's Pizza about their meeting rooms. We also looking at the church on Hitt Street, and Dickie BBQ Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Optimist Club meet at on Wednesday at noon.

*Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936*

Larry Fick is back volunteering at the Central Missouri Food Bank. Let find out what he package up this week and our next meeting.

**Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Optimist Club is having their Christmas Party this Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Sunrise Optimist Club starts at 6:00 pm for dinner dancing starts at 7:00 pm. If you want to eat, it cost you \$35.00 and if you just want to dance, it will cost you \$25.00. If you want to come please let Marilyn know at 573-268-4876 as quick as you can. This way she will know how much food to order.**

### **Guest Speaker John Weston from Columbia Golf Foundation.**

The Columbia Golf Foundation's vision is to bring the game of golf and the values of the game to the youth of mid-Missouri, regardless of their background or status. This vision is fulfilled by offering camps and programs that introduce the fun of golf.

#### ***Our Mission***

Providing access to the game of golf and its values for youth of all backgrounds and skill levels

#### ***Our Vision***

The Columbia Golf Foundation was created to promote the game of golf and the values of the game to young people of all backgrounds in our community.

Golf is played throughout the world. At every level, from professional to amateur to junior, the game is synonymous with a set of values:

#### ***Integrity / Honesty / Respect / Perseverance / Appropriate Conduct & Appearance***

Every CGF youth program strives to teach these values to our participants in an environment of fun and healthy physical activity.

### **Fund Raising Tournament**

The Golf In Schools Program is the leading effort of CGF, and it is a program in which we provide equipment to local Mid-Missouri elementary and middle schools and work with their PE staff to add golf to the school's curriculum. For the past six years, we have taught golf in Physical Education classes in grades K-8 in Mid-Missouri, reaching over 26,00 students during that time frame. We have been to the communities of Auxvasse, Boonville, Centralia, Columbia, Fayette, Harrisburg, Hatton, Mexico, Moberly, Sturgeon, and Williamsburg.

I will send more information about the Columbia Golf Foundation when I can get a copy of the slide show that he showed at the meeting on Monday.

Closed with the Optimist Creed by Jerry Sullivan.

Meeting end at 12:30 pm

**Tony Parisio - President**



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