



## **THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA** (Downtown Optimist)

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**In Person/ Zoom Meeting**

**Monday, January 27, 2025**

**Meeting began at 12:00 noon at the Clubhouse**

**Members in attendance: President: Mary Dewey, Pat Brown, Larry Fick, Carl Scott, Ed Musterman, Jerry Sullivan, Rick McKernan, Sean Reberry, Adam Crumbliss, Akbar Hussein, Mike Russell, C.O. Scheffer, Jake Jolley, Steve Winter, Ken Oster, and Daryl Stockstill. By Zoom Scott Stager.**

**Special Guests: Shelly Fair, Director of English Learners & Migrant Education CPS and Beverly Oster (Ken's wife)**

**Welcome Back:**

**Invocation: Rick McKernan**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Slemmon**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries: Brent Sappington Birthday Saturday, February 1, Club Anniversaries Bob Bellingshausen joined the club in 2001, Jake Jolley and Dave Murphy joined the club in 1997 on January 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pay the pig (Money goes to the OIF Children Cancer: Mary Dewey paid \$1.00 for letting everyone that Deb Swanegan is doing well from here shoulder surgery that was done on January 16<sup>th</sup>, Carl Scott paid \$1.00 for letting us know about Brent Sappington nose surgery he had this week, and Kansas City Chiefs win on Sunday. Adam Crumbliss paid \$1.00 for seeing Mary Dewey at the COSMO pancake day on January 25<sup>th</sup> and for the funding the club gave the United Way for the Reading across Columbia, Akbar Hussein paid a \$1.00 for the Kansas City Chief win on Sunday, Rick McKernan paid \$2.00-dollar bill for the Kansas Day and the KU Jayhawk, and Mike Russell paid a \$1.00 for the Kansas Fault line.**

**Carl Scott and Rick McKernan let us know how the City of Columbia meeting Sunday here at our clubhouse. There was about 50 people who attended this meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Valerie Carroll and 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Nick Foster were here at this meeting on Sunday. They also talked about block grants that each neighborhood can get with a program or event for the neighborhood. We are looking about hosting a community fair still to talk more about this. Rick McKernan said "We might have 2 new derby drivers."**

***Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936***

**Nadia Ryakmyatulliov talked about the High School Scholarship is at all 4 high schools and will be due February 19<sup>th</sup>. It can be found on google on our website.**

**Jerry Sullivan want us know that our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pickleball Tournament will take place on Saturday, March 15 from 8:00 to 7:00 pm at the Sports Fieldhouse. He will be looking for volunteers to help with set up on Friday night and Saturday. Evan Schilling will be helping him put this together again this year with brackets.**

**Rick McKernan let us know that the Essay (need to be turned by February 28<sup>th</sup>) and Oratorical Contest will take place in March 9<sup>th</sup> here at the Clubhouse at 2:00 pm. (think that is the correct time???)**

**Ed Musterman want to know if you getting his weekly email about chicken dinner for the Monday meeting. If you know someone who not getting the weekly email please let Ed know. Thank you. Our speaker for next week is Kevin O'Brien, MO State Public Defender, Area 13 Trial Division.**

**Mary Dewey reminded us that Saturday, February 22<sup>th</sup> is our Super Zone meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. conference here at the clubhouse. We will have special guest going us from other Optimist club around us like Ashland, Kids First, Fulton Breakfast Club, Moberly, Sunrise, Mike Boles and Phyllis Nerf. Please let Mary know if you can attend so, she knows how much food to order for lunch.**

**Carl Scott also reminded us that Boy's and Girl's Club Rootin Tootin Chili Contest is on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Holiday Inn Executive Center from 2:00 to 5:30. Greg Schneider if charge of this contest for the club. Looking for member to help cut up the vegetables, and hand out the sample of chili to the people. This event is a lot of fun talking to people about Optimist.**

**NATIONAL OPTIMIST DAY IS FEBRURAY 6<sup>th</sup> please wear your Optimist shirt, hat or anything else Optimist. Let the community we are Optimist and we are here for the kids of our community. Please look over the calendar that is attached to the newsletter and if there anything I need to add please let me know.**

**Our Speaker next week will be: Shelly Fair: Director of English Learners & Migrant Education CPS**

**Guest Speaker: Shelly Fair, Director of English Learners & Migrant Education CPS (see attached power point)**

**Club winner: Bob Slemmon**

**Optimist Creed was recited and meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm**

**Mary Dewey: Presiden**



February 2025						
◀ Jan 2025						Mar 2025 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>Sunrise Optimist Club Spade Tournament starting at 7:00 pm for \$5.00</b>	<b>1</b> Ashland Optimist Club Pancake Day 511 Optimist Dr. 6 to 12 pm Brent Sappington Birthday
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Kevin O'Brien, MO State Public Defender, Area 13 Trial Division 12:00 pm Club House	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bonnie Yantzi joined the club in 2018	<b>6</b> Jerry Sullivan joined the club in 2019 <b>National Optimist Day wear your Optimist shirts</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Michael Parks, Manager Columbia Regional Airport 12:00 pm Club House	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Kelly Schilling, Member Spot Light 12:00 pm Club House	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Board Meeting 6:00 pm Clubhouse	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Super Zoom 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr. at the Downtown Optimist Clubhouse Steve Klein joined the club in 2005
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Barbara Horrell Columbia African American Heritage Trail 12:00 pm Club House	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Greg Schneider joined the club in 2003	February 22th Boy's and Girl's Club Chili Contest at Holiday Inn Executive Center at 2:00 pm