



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF COLUMBIA (Downtown Optimist)

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In Person/ Zoom Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2025

Meeting began at 12:00 noon Downtown Optimist Club House

Members in attendance: Vice President, Sean Reberry, Steve Winter, Mary Dewey, Larry Fick, Rick McKernan, Barb West, Steve Klein, Pat Brown, Deb Swanegan, Scott Stager, Jerry Sullivan, Daryl Stockstill, Ed Musterman, Carl Scott, John Carter, Jack Curtis, Jake Jolley, C.O. Scheffer, and Joe Palikkathayil

Special Guests: Guest Speaker: - Adam Ziervogel, Columbia Visitors Bureau Sports Commission, Amy Schneider, Director of Visit Columbia MO and Tevin Riddle Sports Sales Specialist Columbia Visitors Bureau. Tracy Johnson (Rick McKernan's Friend)

Welcome Back: Everyone on this beautiful cool day

Invocation: Rick McKernan **Pledge of Allegiance:** Deb Swanegan

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Barb West Birthday on November 1st, Paul Hinshaw and Jim Murphy birthday on November 4th.

Pay the pig (Money goes to the OIF Children Cancer): Carl Scott paid \$1.00 for Rockbridge softball and tennis teams taking 2nd at State, Father Tolton softball team taking 1st at state and tennis team taking 2nd at state. Also, for Joe Palikkathayil getting him the candy for the Centralia Truck of Treat that took place on Friday afternoon. Rick McKernan paid a \$.25 for the Kansas Football team winner, Joe Palikkathayil paid \$1.00 about the November 20 Trivia night and December 6 Raise money for the kids, and our guest Travis Johnson paid \$5.00 for the love of what we do for kids.

Club Dues are due as soon as you can \$105.40 and Life time members \$59.70

Steve Winter let us know that he will be serving breakfast of biscuit and gravy and lunch will be hamburger and chips. Amish candy will be the same order as last year with 2 cases of black berry and Jalpo Jellies. C.O. Scheffer said the 1st load of Fraser trees will be here Saturday, November 15 and non-Fraser trees will be in on Tuesday, November 19. He will send out the sign-up Genius Sign up in the few weeks for the tree lot.

Jerry Sullivan said "The new shed will be here Thursday middle day." Come out and watch it get put in. Saturday, November 8th we will come in at 9:00 am to reload the shed with the items that are outside under the Pole barn.

Bringing Out The Best In Kids Since 1936

Ed Musterman want to let us know that next week meeting will be at the **South Shakespeare's** at 12:00 with guest speaker **Elizabeth Stephens**, Exec Editor **Missourian Community Newspaper**.

Steve Winter said "The 1st order of **Koeze Nuts** will be here on **Thursday** and he hopes they will drop off the pallets by the front door of the club house. That way he can get the order in easier. If you want to help let him know."

Ed Musterman let us know that we gave out 60 thousand dollars in funding to different organizations in **Columbia** and \$800.00 of **High School** scholarships.

Board meeting will be on **Thursday, November 20** at 6:00 pm in the north room of the club house.

High School Scholarship information is out there online and at the high school.

Club winner: Mike Hatchett

Optimist Creed was recited and meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm

Vice-President: Sean Reberry



November 2025						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Barb West Birthday
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3 Guest Speakers Adam Ziervogel, Columbia Visitors Bureau Sports Commission, Amy Schneider, Director of Visit Columbia MO and Tevin Riddle Sports Sales Specialist Columbia Visitors Bureau. At the Club House at 12:00	4 Paul Hinshaw and Jim Murphy Birthday	5	6 Koeze Nut order will be coming in help unloading	7 Help Bag Koeze Nut Orders	8
9	10 Guest Speaker Elizabeth Stephens, Exec Editor Missourian, Community Newspaper Management Chair, MU School of Journalism at South Shakespeare's at 12:00 pm	11 Veterans Day 2 nd Order is due to Ed Harre	12	13	14	15 First Load of Fraser Christmas Tree come in All hands-on Deck 8:00 am Breakfast
16	17 Guest Speaker Jeff Noe, Columbia Youth Rugby- Meeting at Boone Electric Community Bldg at 12:00 pm	18	19 Pat Kelly Birthday	20 Koeze Nut order will be coming in help unloading	21 Help Bag Koeze Nut Orders	22
23	24 Guest Speaker Brenda Porter - Child Advocacy Center -Meeting at Boone Electric Community Building at 12:00	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28 Open Day of the Christmas Tree Lot All Hands on Deck	29
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