



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

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### **In Person/ Zoom Meeting**

**Monday, February 24, 2025**

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

**Members in attendance: President: Mary Dewey Carl Scott, Larry Fick, Mike Russell, Greg Schneider, Pat Brown, Jerry Sullivan, Daryl Stockstill, Steve Winter, Rick McKernan, Alan Bunch, Ed Musterman, Jake Jolley, C.O. Scheffer, Nadia Ryakmyatulliov (by Zoom), Scott Stager (by Zoom), Ken Oster and Akbar Hussein**

**Special Guests: Sue Musterman, Beverly Oster, and Guest Speaker Barbara Horrell  
Columbia African American Heritage Trail**

**Volunteer hours: Larry Fick 3 hours for the Central Missouri Food Bank**

**Welcome Back: Everyone who came out this Monday afternoon**

**Invocation: Pat Brown**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Scheinder**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries: N/A**

**Update on two of our club members:**

**James Murphy's wife passed away Saturday, February 15, 2025. Her funeral service will be on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Memorial Funeral Home. Pat Kelly wanted us to know she finished her last round of chemo last week and starting to regain a little energy. She will try to start coming back to the meeting when she gets her energy back. Let's keep them in our prayers.**

**Pay the pig (Money goes to the OIF Children Cancer: Rick McKernan \$1.00 for the Rocking Jayhawk and Carl Scott paid \$1.00 for KU 1-1 basketball record this past week,**

**Board Meeting, we tabled the Scouting America, we funded Jabberwocky: 5,000 and Escuelita Alegria: \$1000. We will also be looking for members who want to service as board members and officers for next year.**

**Mary Dewey: I to thank everyone who attended the 2nd qtr Zoom meeting on Saturday. We had some great speakers who talked about How to Market your club by Lorin Richeter and Membership Engagement by Michael Shue.**

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

**Like to thank Greg Schneider and his team for a great job at the Annual 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**

**Ed Musterman: Downtown Optimist Club members on Wednesday, March 19th for our Second Quarter Social gathering at 7:00 PM. You'll enjoy the fellowship and two great events as we meet at the DO Clubhouse, 1201 Grand Avenue. To start the evening, the club will honor an outstanding member with special recognition. It will be a very nice ceremony and you'll want to be there as we celebrate an outstanding example of service to our community and commitment to Optimist International values. The second part of the evening will be the annual DO Club chili contest. A variety of chili's will be on hand to be judged and enjoyed. This is going to be a special evening to enjoy. In addition to all of the chili you'll be able to eat there will be plenty of ham sandwiches and cornbread along with cookies and ice cream for dessert. Cost is a low, low \$10 per person but is free for individuals entering chili into the contest as well as their families. As always, kids eat free. Contact Larry Fick or reply to this email or me if you can attend this wonderful event and how many will join you. Larry's contact information is: [larryfick1@gmail.com](mailto:larryfick1@gmail.com) and cell of 573-424-2820. Members making chili are: Steve Winters, Jake Jolley, Greg Schneider, Alan Bunch, Mary Dewey and Kelly Schilling. Let Steve Winter know if you want to make chili.**

**Nadia Ryakmyatulliov talked about the High School Scholarship is at all 4 high schools. She will need help reading and go through the appellations. Please let her know if you can help.**

**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 McKernann and Deb Swanegan 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???). Right now, we have 4 teachers who asked about the Oratorical Contest. Carl Scott will help as the Sergeant of Arms and Jerry Sullivan as timer keeper.**

**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. Next Speaker for March 3th: Corrina Smith Executive Director, Columbia Farmer Market**

**Mary Dewey wanted to let you all know she has got a table for the Kid's First Optimist Club Trivia night on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion at 5:00 pm. I am looking for players to join her at her table. Please let me know if you want to take part in this event.**

**Guest Speaker: Barbara Horrell Columbia African American Heritage Trail**

**See attachment for more information about the Columbia African American Heritage Trails**

**Club winner: Winston Asbury We are now up to \$70.00 for March 3**

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

**Mary Dewey: President**



**[African American Heritage flyer attached]**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Corrina Smith Executive Director, Columbia Farmer Market 12:00 pm Club House	4	5	6	7 PIE BREAKFAST Like me know if you would like to go that morning.	8 Kid's 1 <sup>st</sup> Optimist Trivia night at the American Legion at 5:00 pm Looking of people for my table
9	10 Lead Online Program Advisor from Columbia College Online Program 12:00 pm Club House	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Evan Schilling Battle High School Robotics Team 12:00 pm Club House	18	19 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Social clubhouse at 7 pm for \$10.00	20 Board meeting at 6 pm	21	22
23	24 Joe Pallikkatahyit Regional Director, KVF Foundation 12:00 pm Club House	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Shane Creech Public Works Director 12:00 pm Club House					