



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

Meeting Saturday Mornings @ 7:30 A.M.
Optimist Drive, Ashland, MO 65010

December 16, 2017

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

Optimist Board

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Don Jones-2017
Clay Austin-2017
Sharon Donley-2017
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Bingo: Dec. 22- Team Four

Breakfast: Dec. 23- Carole Iiles, Kristy Savage Clarke, Linda Knierim

Program- Jennifer Morrell

The Ashland Optimist Foundation is participating in COMO Gives this year from Dec. 1-31 to raise money for our soccer program. The soccer program needs new goals and would like to raise enough to install lights by the field on the other side of Optimist Drive. Here is the link to make a tax-exempt donation: <https://comogives.com/product/ashland-optimist-foundation-2/> Please contribute, even if you can only make a small donation since the \$2,000 bonus is determined by the number of donations, not the final amount.

We will be ringing for Salvation Army again this year. We are way behind last year's total at this point, so please contact Bern Bonderer at bern.bonderer@twehouse.com or by phone at [573/395-4354](tel:573/395-4354) as soon as possible. The Kettle is available at Moser's and we will ring until Christmas, but Bern must report who rang and for how long, in addition to the final total. You can ring for as long as you want and invite other groups to participate.

We had an Optimist Board meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14th. The Board decided to not match the donations received through our Red Kettle donations. The Board did decide to renew our scholarships for the coming year as well as provide hams and turkeys for the Community Teachers' Christmas Baskets. Louise Martin was appointed as representative to the Southern Boone Chamber of Commerce again this year. We also passed a request that the pool committee try to break even this year.

Bingo was smaller on Friday, with only 128 players, but they were having fun and twenty of them were happy to leave with hams.

We will hold a blood drive on Tues. Dec. 19 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Optimist building. Any donations will count toward the count for the scholarship that the high school can earn. If we get the 35 people we are hoping for, the scholarship amount will double.

Chris Felmlee shared that there will be a breakfast on Dec. 22 at the Middle School. It will be open to the public and starts at 7:30 a.m.

We had twelve guests at breakfast this morning to enjoy the delicious breakfast that Bryan Chapman, Rick Gowdy, Jim Green, Lena Long, and the Felmlee boys, Chris and Garrett provided for the NOW meeting, with five of the guests submitting applications for membership. We plan to hold the next NOW event next quarter.



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Barrett spoke about the history of our Optimist Club and many of the services that the club provides for the community. Our Optimist Club started in 1964 and met at the Gilmore Cafe until the fire that burned it and other buildings in the downtown area. The club stepped back for a while, but regrouped in 1967. Bingo began in June of 1986 in the American Legion building and has continued to be one of our fundraisers. The current building was built on land that we purchased with the Cedar Valley Riders Saddle Club in 1992 and was paid off in seven years.

We coordinate with the Saddle Club to provide a rodeo in August each year and have held an annual Pancake Day for close to forty years. We sponsor sports teams for baseball, softball, soccer, and basketball, as well as working with the Missouri Department of Conservation each year to provide a fishing derby at the city park and a Safety on Wheels program. The Ashland Optimists helped fund and build the city pool and have ran it for the last thirty years. John Travelos and Karen Wheeler helped start a Speech program at the High School, which is further proof that our focus is on kids of all ages.

Barrett reiterated the challenge that he made at our social back at the beginning of the year to bring in fifty new members in honor of his fifty years as an Optimist member. If we can meet this challenge, we will be one of the largest clubs in the Eastern District of Optimist International.

Garrett Felmlee drew for the attendance drawing. Rich Ward, Brandon Glascock, and Jennifer Zagorac had their chance at riches, but this will give the pot a chance to grow.

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