



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

December 23 2017

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

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Board Meeting- Jan. 11, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.

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Michael Dalton--2013
Jim Moore--2016
Carl Long--2016
Don Jones-2017
Clay Austin-2017
Sharon Donley-2017
Ben Nieman- 2017

Bingo: Dec. 29- Team Five

Breakfast: Dec. 30- Jacob Zagorac, Ernie Wren, and Dayton Glover
Program- Madeline Green- exchange student from Germany

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas weekend!

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 make sure you make your contribution this week, 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:5733954354) as soon as possible. The Kettle is available at Moser's and we will ring through the end of the year, 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.

Columbia Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring their Youth Free Throw Competition on Jan. 14, 2018 at Father Tolton High School. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old as of January 1, 2018 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact the Columbia Council 1529 Youth Programs Director Mike Fulca at pgk1529mike@columbiaknights.org or (573) 657-0086. Entry forms are also available for download at the Columbia Council 1529 website, www.columbiaknights.org.

Ernie Wren shared with us this morning that because of the help of the Southern Boone High School shop classes and their teachers, our bicycle program was able to produce sixteen bicycles that have been donated to area youth for Christmas gifts. Barrett also shared this morning that our Optimist Club, working with the Community Teacher's Association, provided 29 hams for Christmas baskets.

We held a blood drive at our building on Dec. 19th, but between the recent blood drive at the Southern Boone High School and health issues, we were only able to collect 11 pints. Lena Long stepped up to provide sandwiches and cookies, as well as being the on-site person during the blood drive.



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Bingo this week had 125 players on a holiday weekend. There was plenty of help in the kitchen and on the floor.

Carole Iles and Kristi Clarke weren't available to make breakfast this morning, but Linda requested help from Lena Long and we had a wonderful spread this morning. Thank you, ladies for the incredible breakfast, which Lena said was to honor the members who help with Bingo.

Our speaker this morning was Jennifer Morrell, co-CEO of Missouri Pay It Forward, which was started in 2013 by Sylvia Bales in Boone County. Pay It Forward now helps people in 38 counties. They coordinate with over a dozen local organizations, including the schools, hospitals, and DCFS. They work with foster families to provide needed clothing and furniture so that a child can start to deal with the stress of a change in placement. Pay It Forward also steps in when there are traumatic situations, such as fires and floods.

This year, Pay It Forward was able to help over 350 families at Christmas and is preparing for their annual Wrap Up Missouri Party on New Year's Eve at Cosmo Park in Columbia to provide coats, scarves, hats, and gloves to the homeless.

All their workers are volunteers. All their assistance comes from donations and monthly sales are used to raise money for overhead. They are currently working on becoming 501 (c)3 qualified, but can work with Rainbow House and Once Upon a Child if you need your donation to be tax-exempt. If you are interested in donating, you can contact Jennifer at 573-303-2279.

After Jennifer was finished speaking, she drew for our Attendance drawing. Janet Popejoy and Jerome Glascock helped at Bingo last night, but that didn't help them this morning, any more than it helped Cindy Gunter, so the pot will have a chance to grow again.

To wrap up our pre-Christmas meeting, Rev. Elmer Schiefer regaled us with the nativity story from memory, followed by a performance of Stille Nacht (Silent Night) in German and English.

Letitia DenHartog