



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

December 9 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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Board Meeting- Dec. 14, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.

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Joe Smith - 2009
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Ernest Woods—2013
John Johnson—2013
Michael Dalton--2013
Jim Moore--2016
Carl Long--2016
Don Jones-2017
Clay Austin-2017
Sharon Donley-2017
Ben Nieman- 2017

Bingo: Dec. 15- Team Three

Breakfast: Dec. 16- Bryan Chapman, Rick Gowdy, and Jim Green Program- NOW Program (New Optimists Wanted) with Barrett Glascock and Chris Felmlee

There will be a Board meeting this Thursday, Dec. 14th at 7:15 p.m.

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. A correction to last week's bulletin: please contact Bern Bonderer at bern.bonderer@twehouse.com or by phone at 573/395-4354. The Kettle will be available at Moser's on Monday, Nov. 27 and we will ring until Christmas, but Bern has report who rang and how long, in addition to the final total. You can ring for as long as you want and invite other groups to participate.

Please remember that we will be having a special breakfast/program on Saturday, December 16th, 7:15 a.m. at the Optimist Club. You are asked to bring one guest that might be interested in our club (or more than one if you'd like). Guests will receive a free breakfast, and we'll have a short program about our club and Optimists. Remember, at some point we were all asked to consider membership in our club. Now is a great time to "Pay It Forward", and provide others with the same wonderful opportunity.

We will hold a blood drive at our building on Tues. Dec. 19th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Any donations at this blood drive will help the Southern Boone High School earn money for scholarships, in addition to what was raised by their blood drive last Friday.

We had 122 players at Bingo on Friday night, which was small on an \$1,199 night. Ben Nieman's former coworkers pooled and donated enough money so that we could play six games on Friday night in his honor. Everyone at the table with a winner for each of those games received some winnings also.

I need to thank Aron Lee for coming in during his visit from Texas to help in the kitchen on Friday.



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Breakfast this morning was provided by Louise Martin, Mike Fulca, and Cody Hackmann.

Our speaker this morning was our own Jacob Zagorac, who works at Memorial Funeral Home in Columbia, helps set up funeral plans and works with the Memorial Park Cemetery. He started by speaking about the history of funerals. Did you know that embalming didn't start until after the Civil War and that President Lincoln was one of the first bodies embalmed, which allowed the cross country journey his body made after his death? Jacob spoke about the fact that in the early part of the nineteenth century, most arrangements after death were handled in private homes and burial was in church yards or private plots, many times without headstones. By the turn of the century, funeral parlors were an accepted and preferred way of handling death. Around this same time, cemeteries began changing over to flat headstones to make care of the grounds easier.

Jacob said that the average cost for a traditional funeral may run from \$8,000 to \$13,000. A service where the body is cremated more normally runs from \$2,000 to \$8,000. Very few cremations were planned until the latter part of the twentieth century, but now 50-60% of burials involve cremation. Jacob answered several questions regarding requirements for embalming, disposal of cremains, and trend that he sees toward larger corporate funeral providers. Jacob recommends that people make arrangements in advance to save family members the pain of trying to make decisions while they are grieving.

When Jacob was finished speaking, our illustrious leader had his guest and neighbor, Dave, draw for the attendance drawing. He knew how to make friends, since the first number he drew was Lena Long's. I'm certain I heard her say, "It pays to attend!" as she headed to the kitchen once again.

Letitia DenHartog