



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

August 11, 2018

"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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COMING UP

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

Website: Ashlandoptimist.org

TAKE A MINUTE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO MADE US STRONG:

Carroll Sapp – 1987
"Buddy" Glascock – 1988
William Burnett – 1992
Remus James – 1994
Ron Marley – 1997
Cecil Vaughn – 2001
Billy Jo Sapp – 2004
Marvin Sappington – 2004
Arcie Sapp – 2005
Kenneth Nichols – 2006
Lahmon Wren – 2007
Joe Smith - 2009
Jimmy Jo Calvin- 2009
Bob Sappington – 2010
Clifford Caldwell-2013
Mel Rupard-2013
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
Nick Kimbler- 2018
Barbara Perry- 2018

Bingo: Aug. 17- Team Three

Breakfast: Kristi Savage-Clarke and Lena Long

Program- Chris Felmlee

The Board will meet this week on Wed. Aug. 15th at 7:15, instead of Thurs. Aug. 9 because several of the officers were not available on Thursday. Please mark the change on your calendar if you are on the Board!

The 42nd Cattleman Days Rodeo is coming up on Aug. 24-25. If anyone is interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet in the Optimist building for positions in the popcorn stand, down near the West gate or you can call Bill Crane at 573/657-2501. The more help we have, the easier the work!

As Bryan said, everything that went well last week, didn't this week. We only had 113 players and were short-handed on the floor, in the Bingo window, and in the kitchen, where Lena was by herself. We really need more people on Team Two!

A yummy breakfast was provided this morning by Rick Gowdy, Bryan Chapman, and Jim Green and it was ready by the time Bill arrived.

Mark Wanserski introduced his guest from St. Joe and Aron Lee had joined his mom again this morning for breakfast.

Our speaker this morning was Darrell Smith from HeroFund USA. He brought his lovely wife, who also does their newsletter. They live in the Blue Springs area and helped start HeroFund USA in Dec. 2016 after he retired from 30 years working with the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

HeroFund USA is a 501(c)(3) charity that was founded in Dec. 2016 to provide direct funding for preventative/safety equipment for first responders and to provide immediate financial support to first responders injured or killed in the line of duty. They provide help in Kansas and Missouri to any first responders that request help through their website HeroFundUSA.org. HeroFund USA is funded entirely by private and corporate contributions, which allows 100% of public support and money from fundraising events to be used for their mission services.

There are groups, including PSOB (Public Service Officer Benefits) and state programs that help first responders and their families, but there weren't any that provided immediate help. HeroFund USA can provide significant and necessary financial support within days, whereas other groups can take up to six months to provide assistance.

Much of HeroFund USA's work has been to provide state-of-the-art helmets, body armor, bunker gear, and drones to make the job of first responders safer. Since a fire can be as hot as 1200 degrees Fahrenheit, modern bunker gear is essential to protect firefighters. Hero Fund USA was recently able to provide five helmets and sets of bunker gear at a cost of \$8,500 to the Inter-City Fire Protection District in Blue Summit, MO, which is mainly made up of volunteers. They had not had new bunker gear since the late 1930s.

Since the most common injury to emergency medical personnel is back injuries from lifting patients, HeroFund USA also provides auto-lift cots to facilitate transporting patients into the ambulance.

They have also provided porcelain plate body armor to the Clinton Police Department after an officer was killed in a work-related shooting that he would probably have survived if he was wearing the porcelain plate vest.

Charlie Selbach and Louise Martin won t-shirts by answering trivia questions. Carole Iles and Mike Donley won the chance to make a donation, which Louise also provided.

If you are interested in more information, you can go to the website at herofundusa.org or email Darrell at darrell@herofundusa.org. They can also be supported through Amazon by anyone with an Amazon Prime account by selecting HFUSA as your charity of choice when you shop using Smile.

When Darrell was finished speaking, he drew for our weekly Attendance drawing. Cory Fischer, Alicia Lang, and Matt Czerwonka missed out on a wonderful breakfast, an interesting program, and their chance at riches, so the pot has a chance to grow again.

Letitia DenHartog