



# ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

April 14, 2018

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

## Optimist Board

Bill Lloyd	President
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## COMING UP

**May 5 – Safety on Wheels**

**Website:** [Ashlandoptimist.org](http://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

**Bingo: Apr. 20- Team Three (We need an ice man for Team Three)**  
**Breakfast: Apr. 21- Shawn Steelman, Barrett and Brandon Glascock**  
**Program- Carol Griffin, Special Olympics of Missouri**

Steve Long, founding administrator for the Ashland campus of the Baptist Home, shared that there will be a dedication ceremony on Friday, April 20th at 2:30 p.m. which will include a half hour program, followed by refreshments. Because of on-going construction, the dedication will be held at the New Salem Baptist Church next door.

I'm including the flier for anyone interested in participating in the Midway Optimist Clay Shoot Fundraiser on April 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Louise mentioned a fundraiser which will be held for Russell Hargis, who is suffering from blood cancer, on Sun. Apr. 29th. It will be held at the Claysville Store from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Our Safety on Wheels program will be held at the Optimist building on Sat. May 5th. There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

There was a Board meeting on Thursday night. Kyle Baker and Todd Pridemore presented the Ashland Optimist Spring Soccer budget, with an expectation of soccer clearing over \$4,000, partially because of the 298 kids that registered. They also proposed an idea for a Summer Soccer Academy for kids age 3rd-7th grade during the month of June. This will involve a total of eight sessions, two days per week, which was approved by the Board. These sessions will be coached by Ashland High School soccer players who have come up through our soccer program.

The Board also approved using EDP to handle payroll for the pool. The Board also donated \$250 to the Missouri Heartland Girl Scouts and \$75 to the Rainbow Girls. Moser's sent a check for \$1,500 from their gold tournament and we received over \$8,000 in interest from Optimist International Foundation, which the Board moved to our Foundation to be available for scholarships. Barrett also spoke about other things that Optimist International Foundation is using their money for, including 136 college scholarships, restarting the Childhood Cancer program, and providing grants to students.

Brandon had designed documents showing income/expense and attendance graphics from 2010-2017. The club has sponsored just under 900 games since 2000, bringing in around \$2.1 million. Anyone who is interested in seeing these documents can talk to Barrett or Brandon.

Bingo on Friday was lower than any time since Sep. of last year, with only 110 players.

Our speaker this morning, Frank La Mantia with Camp Hickory Hill, raved about the breakfast that Glenn Sapp, Chris Felmlee, and Cindy Gunter provided. He spoke about the founding of Camp Hickory Hill by Ronald James in 1972 for youth age 7-17 living with diabetes and the Columbia Tribune's announcement of the camp's expected demise in Nov. of 2009. Many people pulled together and raised money to keep the camp going, but with only nineteen campers that year and no government funds, things were bleak for the camp. Camp Hickory Hill provides the possibility for diabetic youth to spend time together, learning about diet and lifestyle choices while enjoying time with others who are dealing with the same issues. The cost per camper for a session is \$1,200, but there are scholarships for campers whose family can't afford the total amount and the registration was at 89 campers this year. By utilizing an all volunteer staff and receiving funding from a number of groups, Camp Hickory Hill continues to be able to provide the education necessary for these campers to enjoy a long, healthy life. If you would like to donate or want more information, their website is <http://camphickoryhill.com/>.

When Frank was finished speaking, he graciously allowed Garrett Felmlee to draw for the Attendance Drawing. Lester Gilpin, Bern Bonderer, and Carole Iles missed more than a wonderful program; they missed a chance at riches!

After our meeting, approximately students from University of Missouri came down to Ashland in conjunction with the Caring for Columbia program. They helped clean at the pool, city park, Optimist and rodeo grounds. What an incredible job they did on a windy and cool Saturday!

Earlier today, I was privileged to participate in the local Optimist Oratorical competition at our building. Thank you to the participants, judges, and Robert Blake as Sargent-at Arms, but the biggest thanks go to John Travelos who coordinated everything again this year.

Letitia DenHartog