



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

April 21, 2018

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

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COMING UP

Board Meeting- May 10, 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

Bingo: Apr. 27- We need help! Anyone who can help in the kitchen, please contact Lena Long or me!

**Breakfast: Apr. 28- Jan Palmer, Letitia DenHartog
Program- Tom Hurley and Chad Martin- Enhanced 911**

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 right after our Breakfast Meeting at the Optimist building on Sat. May 5th. There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who wants to help on the kitchen door.

One correction from last week's Board Report: the interest that the club received did not go to our local Foundation but will be reinvested with the Optimist International Foundation.

Thursday morning Lena Long, Margie Selbach, Greg Hawkins, Bernie Bartel, Bryan Chapman, and I had the pleasure of providing breakfast for 190 local business leaders, at the Leader's Breakfast to kick-off Chamber Days.

Bingo numbers were back up some, with 141 players. We had a good crew working the Bingo window and plenty of help on the floor. Bryan Chapman did ice until he was needed out on the floor.

A delicious breakfast was served this morning by Barrett and Brandon Glascock, Lena Long, and Shawn Steelman.

Our speakers this morning Carol Griffin, with the headquarters of Missouri Special Olympics in Jefferson City and Derek Sandbathe, the current Athlete of the Year.

Special Olympics serves 15,000 athletes in the state of Missouri with intellectual disabilities, allowing them to train and compete in twenty-one different sports while socializing in an accepting and encouraging environment. Participants start as young as eight years old and can continue to participate as long as they wish.

Carol facilitates the Healthy Athletes program, which allows health screenings for participants at all three of the state games held each year. These screening allow free dental, visual, and strength assessment for the athletes, many of whom live below the poverty level and might not be able to access these health screenings otherwise.

Another program that Carol is involved with is the Athletes Leadership Program, which is where she met Derek. The Leadership Program started in 2015 and gives young people the opportunity to take classes in eleven different disciplines, including public speaking, photography, coaching, personal fitness, and resume writing. The classes are held on college campuses and participants are paired with mentors to help guide them.

Derek spoke about his history and involvement with Special Olympics and all that he has gained by his involvement. In addition to being Athlete of the Year, he raised \$5,000 to help build the Training for Life campus which is being built in Jefferson City on donated land and has participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for eleven years. The Law Enforcement Torch Run was started in 1986 and has raised over \$2 million dollars for Special Olympics.

When they finished speaking, Derek drew for the Attendance Drawing. Ernie Wren, Jody Frank, and Lisa Barnum had their chance at riches, but the pot will have more time to grow since they were all absent.

Letitia DenHartog