



# ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

April 7, 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- April 12, 2018  
at 7:15 p.m.**

**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. 13- Team Two**

**Breakfast: Cindy Gunter, Chris Felmlee, Glenn Sapp  
Program- Camp Hickory Hill representative**

**There will be a Board meeting this Thursday, Apr. 12th, at 7:15. This will be held at our building. It would be great if all the Board members could be there, but the meeting is open to anyone interested, with the caveat that you might get invited to join the Board in the future.**

Mizzou will be sending students, as part of their annual Cleanup program, to Ashland on Apr. 14th to do cleanup at the pool and the Optimist building.

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.

Here is a link to a flier for anyone interested in participating in the Midway Optimist Clay Shoot Fundraiser on April 21st at 10:00 a.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.

**Our speaker this morning was DeAnna Alonso**, founder of Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption. DeAnna was in foster care from the time she was eleven years old, so understands the emotional toll that it can cause in children. Because she aged out of foster care, she experienced homelessness after she was eighteen. Then, in 2006, she was called on to pick up her nephews and niece from Kentucky when they were removed from her sister's care because of drug usage. It took until 2010 before she was able to adopt them.

She founded the Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association (CMFCAA), which is a nonprofit agency that educates, advocates, and facilitate services for children in foster care and foster parents as they work through the system. CMFCAA partners with community and governmental agencies to develop healthy and self-sufficient individuals and families.

CMFCAA works toward this goal, using several programs including:

\*30 Days to Family- a short term intervention that works to find relatives and friends that are willing to be trained as foster parents, which allows the children to experience less trauma

\* Extreme recruitment-a program to find permanent locations for youth ten to seventeen years old through intensive recruitment efforts

\* Begin Again Backpacks- provide every child in foster care a backpack filled with personal hygiene items, school supplies, toys and clothes, which provides the child with a sense of belonging and ownership to help lessen trauma

CMFCAA also provides training and helps new foster parents as they work through the government mandated STARS program.

You can find more information and sign up for Respite training and the 12 for 12 program through their website at [mofosteradoption.com](http://mofosteradoption.com).

Once DeAnna was finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance drawing and in honor of the wonderful breakfast that the Bowden and Howard families provided this morning, Jim Bowden's number was the first one chosen. Jim donated his winning to DeAnna and CMFCAA.

Letitia DenHartog