



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

December 22, 2018

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

Optimist Board

Janet Popejoy	President
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COMING UP

Board Meeting- Jan. 10, 2019 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: Dec. 28- Team Four (including new member, John Dougan)

Breakfast: Dec. 29- Barrett Glascock, Shawn Steelman, Lena Long, and Brandon Glascock
Program- Barrett Glascock

We're still accepting payment for dues for 2019. The prices remain at \$80 for an individual or \$120 for a couple and can be paid by check to P.O. Box 201, Ashland MO 65010 or online at <https://form.jotform.com/72136728772160>.

It's that time of year again! We will be ringing at Moser's again this year through Jan. 1st and you can ring as long or as short as you like. Please contact Bern Bonderer at (573)632-1919 if you are interested and he will get you on the schedule since he must report data about every time we ring. Please do not just go over there and start ringing. Please share this information with church groups, school clubs, sports teams, or any other individuals that might be willing to help. Last year was one of the lowest totals that we have ever had, so we are starting earlier in order to have a bounce-back year.

The voting for the 2018 CoMo Gives continues through Dec. 31st! The Ashland Optimist Community Pool will use any funds raised to enhance the kiddie pool area. Just go to the website at <https://comogives.com/product/ashland-optimist-foundation-3/>. All donations must be made by credit cards and be at least \$10. All donations are 100% tax deductible. We can win additional funds by having the highest number of donations or the highest amount by Dec. 31st, when the campaign ends. We can even win extra money just by receiving the highest ratio in comparison to what we raised last year, so please consider donating to help the Ashland Optimist pool this year.

Our 2019 Breakfast Schedule is finished. There will be a paper copy hanging in the kitchen at the Optimist building for anyone interested.

Our annual Pancake Day will be held Feb. 2, 2019, which is just around the corner, so make sure you get it on your calendar and make plans to come help.

Bingo had 120 festive folks out this week and plenty of help on the floor. Unfortunately, the kitchen got a bit of a late start, which was stressful on our kitchen coordinator, Lena Long. If you are on a Bingo team, it is helpful if you can be in the kitchen before 5:15, though I realize that work schedules can hamper that at times. The best thing would be if someone could come in from 4:00-6:00 to help Lena finish setting everything up in the kitchen. We were able to make ten people extra happy Friday night by having a drawing for hams.

An incredible breakfast of crescent wreaths with bacon and colored peppers, ham slices, pecan muffins, and fresh fruit trays was provided this morning for breakfast by Robert Blake, Bern Bonderer, and John Travelos.

Rick Gowdy brought his daughter Katie and Dave Taylor brought his daughter Hannah. It's always wonderful to have young people at our meetings.

Our program this morning was provided by Rev. Elmer Schiefer in his annual pre-Christmas rendition of the gospel story of Jesus birth, along with his singing of *Stille Nacht* in German, followed by all of us joining in the English version of *Silent Night*.

When Elmer was finished with his stirring program, Katie Gowdy drew for the Attendance drawing and I was thrilled to receive a bonus as an early Christmas gift. It definitely pays to attend!

Letitia DenHartog