



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

December 29, 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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Shawn Steelman	2020
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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



Best wishes for an incredible 2019!

Bingo: Jan. 4- Team One

Breakfast: Jan 5- Mike Fulca, Cody Hackmann, and Letitia DenHartog

Program- Clarissa Brown with National Association of Women in Construction. They will hold a Block Kids competition in our building after the breakfast meeting Saturday, so tell any parents with grade school aged children that you know to come over and participate, plus stay to enjoy next Saturday.

We are still ringing at Moser's through Jan. 1st. You can ring as long or as short as you like, but 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. Is anyone willing to ring on New Year's Eve?

The voting for the 2018 CoMo Gives only 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.

Sunrise Optimists is holding a Wild Game Supper on Mon. Jan. 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sunrise Optimist building, 2410 Parker St. This is an opportunity to try out different game meats and help support a local Optimist club. The cost is \$12 in advance (contact Don Logan) or \$15 at the door. The proceeds will support youth programs in Boone County.

Our annual Pancake Day will be held on Sat. Feb. 2nd from 6:30-1:00, with Lena Long leading the way. Get this on your calendar and decide how you can help. We will need cooks, servers, and clean-up folks.

Bingo was a good crowd this Friday, with 153 spending players in the house! They bought seven special games and the kitchen brought in almost \$800 by selling everything we had.

Lena Long, Barrett Glascock, and Shawn Steelman prepared an excellent breakfast this morning of egg casserole, pork chops, biscuits with gravy, and orange rolls. What a feast!

On top of that, Barrett was our speaker this morning. He started by sharing the sad news that John Sapp, a longtime member of the Downtown Optimist club had passed away. He continued from there by talking about the history of the Optimist International Foundation, which was started in the mid '70s. This was the first try at a 501(c)3 tax deductible option while the rest of us were 501(c)4 non-profit organizations. Their original goal was \$1 million dollars, but they have surpassed that and currently have over \$6 million in their foundation. We were able to contribute money toward our high school scholarships to the OI Foundation and regularly roll our interest payment back into the Foundation, since they are able to provide 10% interest. Currently, our scholarship fund is over \$70,000. The OI Foundation also can help with Project funds and a revolving door type program to help Optimist clubs.

Mike Dalton, who was our president in the early '90s made the decision that we should set up a Ashland Optimist Foundation, which is able to do many of the things (on a smaller level) at the OI Foundation was doing, but which provided more autonomy and a quicker turn-around on pay-out for groups utilizing the project and revolving door aspects of being tax deductible entity. We currently have over \$15,000 in our Foundation and have been able to help groups like the Band Boosters to gather money for their trips.

Barrett also inquired how many people had talked to friends or family about joining the Ashland Optimists in the past thirty days. A few hands were raised, but Barrett talked about our need to build membership and start holding New Optimist Member (NOW) meetings. Many people in our community know about our sports programs but may not realize all of the other good we provide for Southern Boone. Dues are only \$20 per quarter and that price has not changed in several years. We are starting a new quarter, which means that dues are less expensive for new members. Also, there are discount programs for teachers and members who are returning to membership which cover their first year.

After Barrett was finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Brandon Glascock and Chris Felmlee could have had extra money as they went into the New Year, but Charlie Selbach was thrilled to hear his number drawn finally. Since this was the last meeting of the month and year, the Poker pot was figured and with three sixes Bryan Chapman was thrilled to share in saying, "It pays to attend!"

Payment for dues are still being accepted by check to P.O. Box 201, Ashland MO 65010 or online at <https://form.jotform.com/72136728772160>.

Letitia DenHartog