



# ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

**December 15 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
Missy Bonderer	1 <sup>st</sup> VP
Lena Long	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP
Bill Lloyd	Past Pres.
Barrett Glascock	Secretary
Eric Barmann	Treasurer
Bruce Glascock	2019
Bernie Bartel	2019
Letitia DenHartog	2019
Robert Blake	2020
Shawn Steelman	2020
Greg Hawkins	2020

## COMING UP

**Board Meeting- Jan. 10, 2019 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  
Barbara Perry- 2018

**Bingo: Dec. 21- Team Three**

**Breakfast: Dec. 22- Bern Bonderer, Robert Blake, and John Travelos**

**Program- Rev. Elmer Schiefer- you don't want to be a dummkopf and miss his annual acapella rendition of Stille Nacht and talk about Christmas traditions**

**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 Christmas 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 every time we ring. Please do not just go over there and start ringing. Please pass around the word to 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 has started for 2018 CoMo Gives! The Ashland Optimist Community Pool is a wonderful asset to Southern Boone, but like most community pools, it does not make a profit. Unlike most community pools, the loss is covered by the Optimist Club instead of through increased taxes. This is why the extras, such as the recent pool slide, are paid for through fundraising. This next year the Optimists would like to greatly enhance the kiddie pool area, but added funds are needed. 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.**

There was an Optimist Board meeting on Thursday, Dec. 13th. The Board decided to continue providing scholarships to Southern Boone Seniors. In Foundation business, the Board voted to provide up to \$300 to the FFA to provide supplies for refurbishing bicycles. With the FFA's help, the club should be able to provide sixteen bicycles to needy youth this Christmas!

Although the rodeo was almost four months ago, it takes some time for all the bills to be received and paid. Bruce Glascock reported at the Board meeting that the rodeo crowd on Saturday night was an all-time record and that the attendance total for both nights was also an all-time record. In addition, Robert Blake and his crew's hard work in the beer garden paid off as they set a record for sales. We were able to split the largest net amount ever with the Cedar Valley Riders, with a \$23,172 check.

Our crowd for Bingo on Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> was 114 players. Although not a huge crowd, they must have been hungry because the kitchen brought in over \$600.

Breakfast on Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> was cooked by Bernie Bartel, Ernie Stewart and Janet Popejoy.

Our program today was Troop 71069 of the Girl Scouts. Although breakfast was delicious, the scouts brought some very good treats to sell during the meeting and raised \$85 of their \$200 goal. The girls took turns discussing their fund-raising efforts to provide towel racks and umbrella stands for the community pool. Other local projects by the Girl Scouts include planting a tree at the local elementary school. The troop has taken trips to Branson and had an evening tour of the St. Louis Zoo and even got to spend the night! The girls took turns speaking and did a great job of standing up in front of adults and talking about what they do and why they like the Girl Scouts.

Some of the Girl Scouts drew for the Attendance drawing and Rick Gowdy was thrilled to shout, "It pays to attend!"

**Just a reminder that 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!**

Letitia DenHartog