



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

July 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

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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
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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: July 27- Team Four

Breakfast: July 28- Jan Palmer, Letitia DenHartog Since we are still short-handed, it would be great to have some help with setup and clean up

Program- Black Horsemen with Janet Thompson and Tom Bass

It was a quiet night at Bingo, with only 124 players, but we had plenty of help on the floor and in the kitchen, plus Dale Wilson training with Barrett as a caller.

John Travelos, Robert Blake, and Bern Bonderer provided a wonderful breakfast this morning, which included scrambled eggs with tomatoes and feta, home-made cinnamon rolls, sliced ham, and some of the best fresh fruit that we've had in a while.

Vice president Missy Bonderer lead the meeting this morning since our president has left the country. In addition to the eight lifeguards and two junior lifeguards that were in attendance this morning for our program, Steve Long also brought his wife, daughter, son-in-law, and three grandsons. It was great to have them at our meeting.

Chris Bonderer, who has been a lifeguard for three years and manager for two years, was our first speaker this morning. He spoke about the requirements to be a lifeguard beyond the Red Cross Certification, such as being able to communicate clearly and with conviction with anyone at the pool, patience when dealing with people, and initiative to fulfill their duties, no matter how uncomfortable it is for them personally. He said you do it for the kids. Some of the aspects of the certification include meeting swimming goals, learning how to do in-water and out-of-water saves, CPR training, and first aid training. All the lifeguards attend skill refresher programs once a week.

Chris also talked other duties that lifeguards are required to perform during their shift, with includes cleaning the pool and the restrooms, preparing the concession foods, and checking kids in as the come in the door. Lifeguards also assist with the three levels of swim lessons, as well as performing skills tests for the deep end for any child that requests that service. Sydney, the only lifeguard who has performed a save at our pool so far this year, got up and talked about that experience.

After she finished speaking, Ernie Wren, who leads the Pool Committee, called Jennifer Zagorac and the junior lifeguards to speak. This is our first year for the program, which is set up for youth age 12-14. This program was set up following guidelines from a program in Jefferson City. We had four junior lifeguards this year and each one is assigned to a mentor lifeguard to work with. This program gives them a chance to learn the skills to become lifeguards. This is a volunteer program, with the chance to become lifeguards once they are old enough to be certified at fifteen years old. The junior lifeguards can help students on a one-on-one basis with kids who may not be able to keep up during lessons.

Missy, who is also on the Pool Committee, spoke about the pool, which has fifteen lifeguards and four managers. Most of the income for the pool comes through admission, pool parties, and lessons. Another program they have started this year is an adult swim time three mornings a week. She talked about the new diving board and the movable slide that the pool plans to purchase and have in place by next summer.

The mother of one of the junior lifeguards shared that they have family that is in a leadership role at the Hannibal city pool and that he was impressed by the youth leadership that we have at our pool.

After the speakers were finished, Missy had Steve's grandsons come up and draw for the Attendance drawing. Glen Sapp, Mary Ann Gowdy, and Marvin Bennett all had a chance at riches through their help, but since they weren't at the meeting this morning, the pot will continue to grow.

The 42nd Cattlemen Days Rodeo is coming up on Aug. 24-25. If anyone is interested in working the main ticket window on Friday, August 24th, please contact Callie Glascock or there is a sign-up sheet in the Optimist building for concession and beer garden positions that weekend.

An End-of Season swim party is scheduled for Sep. 1st and is being sponsored by Connections Bank.

Letitia DenHartog