



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

Meeting Saturday Mornings @ 7:30 A.M.
Optimist Drive, Ashland, MO 6

June 30, 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- July 12, 2018 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: July 6- Team One

Breakfast: July 7- Bernie Bartel, Ernie Stewart, and Karen Wheeler

Program- to be announced

Ashland will be holding a Fourth of July parade, stepping off from the Primary School parking lot at 9:00. Be there by 8:30 if you want to ride on our float or find your favorite spot to watch along the route. The route will go up Henry Clay to Broadway, then west on Broadway to Main St. and north on Main to the parking lot next to the Ag building.

In conjunction with the city parade, Walk in Faith Church will have their Annual Tractor Parade. After the city parade is finished, everyone is invited out the Meadows, the church's property on Old Hwy 63 for a tractor showcase, kid's games, and food until 2:00 p.m.

There will also be a Freedom Swim all day on the Fourth of July at the Ashland pool, sponsored by Callaway Bank.

The annual Arcie Sapp Blood Drive is scheduled at our building on July 11 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. This will be a partnership with the Southern Boone High School and they will receive money for every donor who gives. We will need people who can provide food and members to act as hosts during the blood drive.

Attendance was down Friday night at Bingo, with only 119 players. There was discussion as to whether this was because of the approaching holiday, the low payout this week, or because Lena left the kitchen to the back-up crew of Bonita Lenger, Linda Knierim, and Cindy Gunter. The kitchen still did a wonderful job and sold almost everything that was made. The lower attendance did make it easier for the full floor crew that was there.

Will Blue, Ernie Wren's nephew, made another visit this morning in a break from his duties with the Army Special Forces. Thanks for his service was shared in the face of the upcoming Independence Day holiday!

Our speaker this morning was Chris Bouchard. He came and spoke about his father, Charles Bouchard's service during the Second World War. Charles was born in 1918 and joined the Army Air Force as a pilot in 1943. His crew was scheduled for a bombing run to Bretigny Airfield, just outside of Paris on June 2, 1944. They were flying a replacement plane because their regular plane was undergoing some lead plane modifications. Their plane ran into serious flak on the way and because of damage to several of the engines, the crew was forced to parachute out of the aircraft. They landed near St. Denis, France and were captured by German troops.

They were transported by train to Brussels, Belgium and incarcerated in a building there until June 7th, when the Germans moved the prisoners because of the Normandy Invasion. They continued by train until June 9th, when they arrived at Dulag, a prison in Frankfurt, Germany. They remained there until 1945, when they were forced to participate in a death march by foot, which continued until the end of April. On April 30, 1945, they were freed by US troops including Gen. George Patton.

Chris talked about his father's crew mates and a French girl named Janine who tried to help them during their initial incarceration. Chris talked about the importance of relating back to the people involved to make this more than just a story and introduced his sister, Janine, who was named after the French girl.

When he was finished with his presentation and with sharing the mementos he had brought from his father, he graciously allowed our smallest cook, Garrett Felmlee, to draw for the Attendance drawing. Kerry Chapman, Ernie Stewart, and Terry Pauley had a chance at riches, but the pot will have another chance to grow.

There were several people with pairs in the Poker Pot, but Shawn Steelman took home the winnings with a pair of Queens.

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