



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

November 17, 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- Dec. 13, 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: Nov. 23- Team Four

**Breakfast: Nov. 24- Deb Bowden, Mike and Traci Howard
Program- Tracy Eichorn- Mid Missouri Art Alliance**

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>.

We held our annual Veteran's Day breakfast in conjunction with the Ashland American Legion on Monday morning and had an excellent crew in the kitchen, led by Lena Long. The FFA students from the Southern Boone High School showed up to help also. We served around 60 vets and their families. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped!

Thursday night Janet Popejoy, Bill Lloyd, and Ernie Wren attended the kick-off program for this year's COMO Gives and received our new books, plus plenty of information and good food. If you know of any place to share a book, please contact Janet. This year the program will start Nov. 27, which is Giving Tuesday and continue through Dec. 31.

For those who are interested, there will be a Zone Three Meeting on Nov. 29 at Backyard BBQ. This is a chance to meet other Optimists from our area and enjoy some good food.

Bingo on Friday was well attended, with 152 players. There was a good crew on the floor, who sold seven special games, and in the kitchen where more than \$600 was brought in.

Breakfast this morning was provided by our wonder woman, Lena Long, who did the whole breakfast by herself! She does such a great job in the face of every difficulty that is thrown at her and deserves a huge thank you!

Our speakers this morning were Pat and Lori Concannon. They are involved in prison ministry, working with Phoenix Programs, Love Inc. and in2Action. Lori spoke first about her background as a product of alcoholism in her family and how, through Alnon, she was fortunate to find her way. While she was helping in her church's Bible study, she discovered a service they were providing at Algoa Prison to inmates. Prisoners can sign up to participate in a twenty-four-week session which includes small group therapy, worship services on Wednesdays, and AA meetings on Saturdays. Lori has seen how much this program can change lives.

Pat has worked more with in2Action, a group that works to help people after they have been released from prison to help them stay out. This program was initiated by Dan Hanneken who had received his degree in Social Work after getting out of prison. It utilizes a three-phase program to help change lives after prison. In the first phase, participants live in a special house where they are provided with clothing and other personal needs. In exchange they are required to participate in classes, be in by a 6:30 curfew, and attend weekly church and Bible study. For the first month, they are not allowed to have a job to give them time to work through some of their issues. After they finish phase one, participants are required to get a job and start paying fees toward their housing. The fee is low enough to be affordable within their income, but it is enough to make them budget what they receive. The third phase requires them to start saving toward their future and save between \$2,000 and 2,500. The program has proven itself by cutting recidivism rates by half.

After Pat and Lori finished speaking, they drew for our Attendance drawing and I'm sure there was no collusion when they drew Jan Palmer's number, but Jan was still heard to say, "It pays to attend!"

Remember that Janet is working on a program called 100,000 Thank You's which requires interested people to write a thank you note to our troops overseas during the holiday season. These need to be given to Janet at the meeting next week.

Letitia DenHartog