



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

October 13, 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- Nov. 8, 2018 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: Oct. 19- Team Three

Breakfast: Oct. 20- Mike Fulca and Cody Hackmann
Program- Bob Forsee- traveling adventures

Dues are now due for the new year! The prices remain at \$80 for an individual, \$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>.

There will not be a Breakfast meeting on Nov. 3rd because of a building rental, but that is the weekend of the First Quarter Conference meeting for the East District, which will be held in Festus, MO. If anyone is interested in attending, please talk to Barrett Glascock. We get an Early Bird discount for registration by Oct. 19th.

Veteran's Breakfast will be held Nov. 12th at the building from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Lena Long has agreed to lead on this, but we will need lots of people to cook, serve, and help with clean up. Please come to honor our Veterans and invite any Veterans that you know to come for a delicious and free meal.

Because it was a low prize week and the weather was drizzly, we only had 110 players at Bingo on Friday night. Lester Gilpin and Janet Popejoy ended the evening bringing Lena to University Hospital to get an ingested bone removed from her throat. Thanks to Missy Bonderer for coming to the kitchen to help Danna Wren and I finish cleaning up and to Charlie Selbach and Norm Geary for covering the floor by themselves.

Our speakers this morning were Linda Karl and Debbie Waggoner with Be the Change Volunteer (bethethechangevolunteer.org), which is a developmental aid non-profit with a mission to improve education opportunities worldwide. Be the Change was started by MU professors Jimi and Chris Cook in 2007 after a volunteer trip in Rwanda to rebuild a school. When they realized that over 700 million people in the world are illiterate, they decided they needed to do something to help in third world countries. Be the Change (BTCV) forms teams of ten to twenty people to go to other countries that are chosen to build or rebuild schools. Rather than sending money, these teams go to the countries and work with the locals, so they can utilize local resources and talent, which saves money and makes the schools more sustainable. They have worked on forty-five jobs in eighteen countries, including Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Guatemala, India, Uganda, Peru, and South Africa.

Be the Change focuses on providing schools for all students, no matter what gender, religion, or caste they belong to. Since seventy percent of girls worldwide are illiterate because of the focus of boys going to school, the need for safety, and hygiene issues related to monthly menses, this is very important to the group. Schools are required to provide follow-up information on attendance for as much as ten years to make sure the schools are locally sustainable.

Be the Change also provides homes for teachers on the campus. This helps the teachers, but also provides on-site security to protect the property. BCTV provides infrastructure, but also builds relationships to make each school one that the community will continue to support.

After the ladies were finished with their presentation, they drew for the Attendance drawing. Eric Barmann, Doug Zeugin, and Jim Green had their chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow.

Letitia DenHartog