



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

September 1, 2018

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

Optimist Board

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COMING UP

**Board Meeting- Sept. 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: Sept. 7- Team One

Breakfast: Sept. 8- Deb Bowden, Mike and Traci Howard

Program- Kevin Tosie with Missouri River Relief talking about an upcoming clean-up at Hartsburg in October

Our Fishing Clinic will be held at the Ashland City Park on Sept. 22 from 9:00-12:00. A sign-up sheet is on the kitchen door at the Optimist building or you can contact Janet Popejoy at janetpopejoy@yahoo.com or call her at 823-9927 to sign up to help. We need people right after our Breakfast meeting to help bring supplies over to the park, people to help the kids fish and record their catch, plus people to help move tables back afterward. At this point, the forecast is calling for a beautiful day in the 70s, so come support the kids and our Optimist club.

We had 140 players at Bingo and enough help on the floor, even though we were missing some of our regulars. Team Four is still short-handed, but we brought in over \$600.

The "Glascock Girls", aka Brenda Austin and Bonita Lenger, served a wonderful breakfast of egg casserole, fresh fruit salad, and Lena's incredible coffee cake.

Janet Popejoy led the meeting again this week and switched things up some by starting with our speaker, Louise Martin. Louise shared some fascinating information about the history of Labor Day, which is a celebration of the American workers held on the first Monday of September each year. Before 1880, most employees worked a twelve-hour day, seven days a week and there were even children as young as five working. The conditions were frequently unsanitary, without access to fresh air or cool water. Louise shared a story from her father about railroad workers who were only offered water "warm enough to shave with" as drinking water. On May 4, 1886, Haymarket Square of Chicago was the sight of a labor demonstration in support of workers striking for an eight-hour work day, which quickly became a riot when someone threw dynamite bomb at police. This resulted in the death of seven police officers and four civilians. It also led to the origin of May Day celebrations on May 4th.

By 1894, conditions had not improved much and with the economic downturn, a strike happened at Pullman, Illinois, which was a town built by George Pullman for his employees. after he cut wages by as much as 30 percent but didn't change rent or prices at the company store. Eugene V. Debs led the strikers in an effort to have better wages and more control of their living situation. Debs formed the American Railway Union {ARU) for unskilled railway workers and basically shut down rail service from Detroit west. Six days after the strike ended, President Grover Cleveland and Congress designated Labor Day as a federal holiday.

After Louise was finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance drawing and somehow came up with her number, but she donated her winnings back to the Optimists to be used wherever it was most needed.

Bruce shared that there were 2,508 people at the Rodeo on Friday night and 4,109 on Saturday. This set another daily record, as well as a new two-day record!

Letitia DenHartog