



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

September 8, 2018

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

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**Board Meeting- Sept. 13, 2018
at 7:15 p.m.**

Website: Ashlandoptimist.org

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Jim Moore--2016
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Don Jones-2017
Clay Austin-2017
Sharon Donley-2017
Ben Nieman- 2017
Nick Kimbler- 2018
Barbara Perry- 2018

Bingo: Sept. 14- Team Two- this will be a \$1,199 night, so we may need extra help in the kitchen

Breakfast: Sept. 15- Cindy Gunter, Glen Sapp, Chris and Garrett Felmlee
Program- ???

There will be an important Board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13th, starting at 7:15.

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 will be holding our annual installation of officers' social on Sunday, Sept. 30th at the Optimist building starting at 6:30 p.m. It will be catered by Claysville Store. Please get this on your calendar! We will have additional information after the Board meeting regarding cost, but we do ask that people preregister so that we have enough food ordered.

There was a small crowd of 118 players on Friday night for Bingo, but most of our regulars were back on the floor to help. We had a good crew in the kitchen serving Lena's pulled pork and yummy desserts, plus Cindy Gunter's pumpkin cake with cream cheese frosting and chocolate chips, which sold out fast.

The Bowens and Howards provided a delicious breakfast this morning to get the meeting started.

Our speaker this morning was Kristen Schulte, the Education Director for Missouri River Relief. She grew up in O'Fallon, MO then joined the National Park Service after high school. She worked in twelve National Parks within fifteen years while getting her education, then returned to Missouri to join Missouri River Relief. Her position involves working with young people to teach them about the river by getting them out on the river. She also helps with river clean-ups on the Missouri from Yankton, South Dakota clear to Saint Louis, MO.



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Missouri River Relief began as a volunteer organization seventeen years ago after a group of people were influenced by the work that Chad Pregracke was doing with river clean-ups. Missouri River Relief has completed 168 total clean-ups, with a total of 906 tons of trash being removed. There are numerous river clean-ups done on the Missouri River each year, starting in May and going through October. The final clean-up planned this year will be in the Hartsburg area on Oct. 20. If you are interested in helping, go to www.riverrelief.org to register. Spots fill quickly, and you need to register if you want a t-shirt and lunch.

Kristen talked about some of the weird items that have been pulled from the Missouri River and its banks, including lots of baby doll heads and messages in bottles, including one that was found near St. Louis from 1964. Many of the large items they discover are household hazardous waste, such as tires and refrigerators that people abandon rather than paying to have them disposed of correctly. Missouri River Relief tagged one refrigerator that traveled 325 miles before they were able to remove it from the river. The number one item that they remove from the river is plastic bottles which sometimes gather in giant trash islands on the water.

A Clean-up day starts early with registration and a safety talk, followed by dropping teams at pre-scouted areas for the actual clean-up. After two hours, everyone is picked back up and returns to the launch site for lunch and competitions (such as oldest item, largest item, weirdest item) to finish out the day.

Kristen listed some other ways people could help other than volunteering for the clean-up, including donating money to help with the education programs and assisting with a crew dinner on Saturday night. There will be a local education event held on Oct. 18 for thirty students from Southern Boone High School, which was set up by Rebekah Hammett. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the ecology and history of the river, as well learning more about contentious conservation. Donations can help with the fuel needed for the boat and bait for the students to fish for catfish.

When Kristen was finished speaking, she drew for our Attendance drawing. Peggy Wren, Mike Gilmore, and Bern Bonderer missed their chance at riches along with an interesting and informative program, so the pot will have a chance to grow.

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