



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

**August 31, 2019**

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

### Optimist Board

Janet Popejoy	President
Missy Bonderer	1 <sup>st</sup> VP
Lena Long	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP
Bill Lloyd	Past Pres.
Barrett Glascock	Secretary
Eric Barmann	Treasurer
Bruce Glascock	2019
Bernie Bartel	2019
Letitia DenHartog	2019
Robert Blake	2020
Shawn Steelman	2020
Greg Hawkins	2020

### COMING UP

**Board Meeting- Sep. 12, 2019 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: Sept. 6- Team One**

**Breakfast: Sept. 7- Carol Iles, Missy Bonderer and Kristi Savage-Clark**

**Program- Jeff Moran- Mobility Worldwide**

**Save the Date: Our Installation of Officers Celebration and Social will be held Sunday, Sept. 29 from 4:00-6:00 at the Optimist building. Mike Boles, the Eastern Missouri District Governor-elect will be in attendance and will perform our installation.**

We rescheduled the August Optimist Board meeting for Thursday, Aug. 29 since we didn't have quorum earlier in the month. The biggest decisions regarded the upgrade of the HVAC system for the building since the air conditioning quit working in July. Even though replacement of the system will be expensive, we have funds to cover the cost and we may be able to get grants to reimburse us for part of the cost. We also officially voted to replace the Bingo computer after it quit working. Even though the cost will be increasing for what we have to pay for dues, the Board voted to keep annual dues for the club at \$80. Because the movie on Sunday night was rained out, MU Health has agreed to sponsor this year's *Spooktacular* instead. We voted to sponsor a blood drive in December and Lena was gracious enough to say that she would coordinate the drive once we establish a date with the Red Cross. Our final order of business was to accept Bryan Bradford and Jessica Ward as new members.

Mike Fulca and Letitia DenHartog, with a lot of help from Lena Long, served a filling breakfast with pork chops, fried tomatoes, and hash browns to supplement our usual eggs, bacon, and biscuits with pork gravy.

One of our new members, Bryan Bradford, was our speaker this morning. He is the first male president of the Boone County VFW 280 Auxiliary. The VFW Auxiliary, which was started in 1914, is the oldest Veterans service organization in the United States. In 2015, because of the number of female veterans, the Auxiliary voted to include men. To be eligible to join the Auxiliary, a person just needs to be related to a veteran who served in overseas combat and have a copy of the veteran's DD-214.

Some of the goals of the VFW Auxiliary include Veteran & Family Support, promoting patriotism, providing scholarships, and volunteering at VA and VA hospitals. The Auxiliary also lobbies for legislation on the state and national level to protect and support

After Bryan had finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Gail Quigley and Beverly Steelman had their chance at riches, but Mike Fulca was rewarded for coming in to make breakfast by having his number drawn.

Because this was the final Saturday of the month, Barrett awarded the Poker Pot. Several members had pairs, but Bryan Chapman took the hand with three jacks and was heard to exclaim, "It pays to attend!"

Letitia DenHartog