



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

August 3, 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 st VP
Lena Long	2 nd 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- Aug. 8, 2019 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: Aug. 9- Team Two

Breakfast: Aug. 10- Bernie Bartel with assistance from Lena Long and Glenn Sapp

Program- Matt Goodsell- the Ark Encounter in Kentucky

We will have an Optimist Board meeting this Thursday, Aug. 8th starting at 7:15 p.m.

The next Optimist Convention for the East Missouri district will be held in Columbia, MO on Aug. 9-11. At this point, we have five people from our club registered. It would be nice to have a good showing from our club at the Conference!

Save the Dates: The 43rd Annual Cattleman's Day Rodeo will be held Aug. 23 & 24. We will need people to work the ticket windows, the Beer tent, and the Concession stands. There are sign-up sheets on the kitchen doors in the Optimist building for the small concession stand and Robert Blake is in charge of the Beer Garden.

MU Health will be sponsoring a movie Night on Aug. 25, the Sunday after the Cattleman's Day rodeo, at the Optimist pool. They will be showing Moana.

There were 122 hungry players Friday night for Bingo with plenty of help on the floor and people learning new roles in the kitchen as we sold everything in sight and brought in over \$600. Fortunately, we had folks who were willing to stay and help clean after Bingo when our cleaning folks were out of town. A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard!

Glenn Sapp, Chris and Garrett Felmlee made a terrific breakfast with assistance from Lena Long this morning.

Our speaker this morning was Todd Kenderson with the Columbia Vet Center, which started forty years ago in 1979. There are 230 Vet Centers across the United States. They are frequently affiliated with VA Hospitals and are funded by the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs. The Columbia Vet Center provides individual readjustment counseling for military personnel who are transitioning back into civilian life, as well as marital and family counseling and referrals for local services.

The majority of the workers at the Columbia Vet Center are military combat veterans themselves, which helps them to understand what a veteran is dealing with. Call 573-814-6206 to check on eligibility and to start the process of assistance. There is a support group for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) veterans on Monday at 5:30 p.m. and one for military spouses at that same time. There is also a support group for Vietnam Veterans on Tuesday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. All groups meet at 4040 N. Rangeline St. at the Columbia Vet Center building.

Even if you received a dishonorable discharge from service, it is worthwhile to contact the Vet Center. Some circumstances may be able to be changed so that you can receive benefits at the VA Hospital and if you are assigned a 10% disability, your income doesn't affect your ability to receive benefits.

When Todd was finished answering questions, he drew for the Attendance drawing. One of our newer members, Ken Bishop, after an evening working the front counter in the kitchen at Bingo, was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!"

Letitia DenHartog