



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

April 20, 2019

"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- May 9, 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: Apr. 26-Team Four

Breakfast: Apr. 27- Eric Barmann & Don Logan Program- Donna Zumwalt- Fraud protection for banking

The Eastern District will be holding their Third Quarter Conference May 4-5 in St. Louis. This will be held in conjunction with the District Oratorical Competition and we will have two young people from our District that will be competing in that competition.

Safety on Wheels will be held May 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the east parking lot for the pool. **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!** Even though we will have some excellent volunteers from our local Folks on Spokes and the High School FFA bike repair program, we can always use other members to help.

Don't forget that the Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, June 15 at the city pond. We will have Dept. of Conservation staff and members of the High School Fishing Club helping, but many hands make light work and lots of happy kids.

Some of the Optimists provided breakfast Thursday morning for the Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Community Leader Breakfast and served around 140 people. Thank you to Lena Long, Les Hahn, Brenda Austin, Charlie and Margie Selbach for the incredible spread! The best surprise of the day was when our own Barrett Glascock was awarded Person of the Year for all that he does for the community.

Bingo Friday night was a little light, with only 108 players, possibly because of the holiday weekend. We saw many new faces, but also saw several that had not attended in years.

Janet shared membership materials with two of our new members who had attended this morning's breakfast meeting. Welcome Dana Plunkett and Jeff Sapp! Dana's daughter also attended. She has been hired as one of our new lifeguards at the pool this summer.

Our speaker this morning was Wade Vandelicht, who is a math teacher at the high school, helps with the soccer team, and is the sponsor for the High School Fishing Club. This year, there are eighteen boys in the club, but there have been girls involved in the past. The students participate in two or three bass fishing tournaments each Spring at various Missouri lakes. Each tournament last eight hours and involves 250-300 two person teams from across the state.

Wade said that while the school is supportive of the club, they do not provide any funding. Most of their funding comes from their annual fish fry, which was held Mar. 1 this year. They also get some assistance from helping the Dept. of Conservation with conservation training and partnership with Bass Pro Shop. Some individuals do their own fundraising, such as making and selling lures to fellow students and other local fishermen. State competitions are held in autumn, with multiple brackets equivalent to other sports. All boats are provided by parents or other local fishermen, but the club tries to compensate for gas and travel.

When Wade finished speaking, he drew for our Attendance drawing. Lester Gilpin was fishing this morning and missed his chance at riches, as did Bonita Lenger and Missy Bonderer. This means the pot will continue to grow!

Letitia DenHartog