



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

December 14, 2019

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

Optimist Board

Missy Bonderer	President
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Robert Blake	2020
Shawn Steelman	2020
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Bruce Glascock	2021
Bernie Bartel	2021
Lisa Barnum	2021

COMING UP

Board Meeting:

Jan. 9- 7:15 p.m.

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
Jacob Zagorac- 2019

Bingo: Dec. 20- Team Four in a trade. This is an \$1,199 night and we will be giving away hams at the end of the evening.

Breakfast: Dec. 21- Robert Blake, Bern Bonderer, and John Travelos will serve a delicious pre-Christmas breakfast Program- Dan Hanneken with In2Action

We are still accepting payment for annual dues, either on-line through

this link: <https://form.jotform.com/72136728772160> or contact Barrett to pay in person.

Bern Bonderer is still looking for people or groups who wish to ring bells to collect for Salvation Army at Moser's. Lena Long at Santa's Little Helpers last Saturday and brought in over \$270, while Rich Ward ringing at Moser's that same day brought in just over \$100. All the money goes to help Salvation Army. If you are interested in ringing, contact Bern at 573/632-1919 or bern.bonderer@twehous.com so he can track how many people are involved. You can also have church groups or other organizations participate.

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the Fr. Tolton Catholic High School gym, located at 3351 E. Gans Rd., Columbia, MO. Registration will begin at 12:30 PM and the competition will follow immediately.

There was an Optimist Board meeting Thursday night. Barrett shared that most of the evening was spent in discussion with the coaches from the Ashland Little League Tackle Football program asking for assistance from the Optimists. It was decided that if they could provide fundraising to develop the field across the road from the building, they would be allowed to use that space for practices and games. The Board also voted to pay dues for the Associated Gaming Commission for this year and send someone to their conference. The Foundation reported that \$750 was provided to the Band Boosters for the band's upcoming trip to Chicago and the Foundation received \$1,000 from Sam's to help with the bicycle program. This money will assist the FFA students in the refurbishing of bikes as Christmas presents for as many as fifty local youth.

Bingo had a great turn-out with 138 players. Unfortunately, the floor and the kitchen could have used some additional help, but everyone that was there did an incredible job! Lester Gilpin worked the front counter in the kitchen and all of the floor crew stepped up to help Lena and Barrett with clean-up since we still don't have official cleaning folks after Bingo on Fridays.

Ernie Wren and Dayton Glover, and Dave Taylor made a tasty breakfast, including Dave's incredible pancakes. They also touched on how much they missed their former breakfast partner, Jacob Zagorac.

Katie Gowdy, Rick's daughter, was a visitor but Rick said it was only for the pancakes.

Our speaker this morning was Linda Francini from the Jefferson City Toastmaster's Club. She brought her husband and two friends as guests and talked about her bucket list. Linda joined the Air Force in 1971, but said it was more like a finishing school than military assignment at that time. After leaving the Air Force, she joined the Navy which had very different expectations. After she left the Navy, she decided to go to college and eventually earned three degrees.

She used her education to accept a teaching position at Linn State (now State Tech), where she met her current husband. After twenty-seven years as a teacher, she experienced a stroke in June 2013. To help her rehabilitate, her husband would walk with her in the park and work on regaining her memory. After four months, she returned to teaching, but discovered it had lost its appeal and decided to retire.

After she retired, she started participating in pageants and recently won All American Lady, which required a memorized thirty-five-minute philosophy of life speech. She was competing against women of all ages and she was in her 70s.

After Linda finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Chris Felmlee could have been rich, but Bernie Bartel was thrilled to hear her number drawn and exclaimed, "It pays to attend!" before she donated her winnings back to the scholarship fund.

Alert any young people fifteen and over that might be interested in working as lifeguards next summer that applications will be available as of Feb. 1st. Certification will be required before new lifeguards can begin.

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