



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

July 20, 2019

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

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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: July 26- Team Four

**Breakfast: July 27- Deb & Jim Bowden, Mike & Traci Howard
Program- Sara Walsh**

The next Optimist Convention for the East Missouri district will be held in Columbia, MO on Aug. 9-11. If you are interested in attending, please contact Barrett by July 24th so we can get registrations in on time. It would be nice to have a good showing from our club at the Conference!

Bingo on Friday night was a case of "if anything can go wrong" when 114 players stayed even though the air conditioner and the Bingo computer weren't working. Glen Sapp brought in fans to help keep the main area reasonably comfortable and Barrett had to go back to confirming each number for winners. The good news is that we had plenty of coverage on the floor and two specials, which allowed the kitchen to bring in over \$600.

Lena Long and Don Logan provided a tasty breakfast this morning with waffles since Ernie Wren was out after a surgery. Then Lena picked up the gavel to lead the meeting.

Our speaker this morning was Fred Bly with The Forty & Eight, a charitable Honor Society of American Wartime Veterans, which has 50,000 member Voyageurs worldwide. La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaus (the official title for the Forty & Eight) was founded in 1920 by veterans with military experience during World War I in France. The title comes from the fact that a French boxcar could carry forty soldiers or eight horses on their travels to the front. The Forty & Eight was originally part of the American Legion but decided in 1960 to leave the Legion. For a person to join, they must be recommended by three current members and voted in by all members present. Females were allowed to join in 2006.

Much of what the Forty & Eight does currently involves charities to aid children in physical distress (founded in 1923), as well as supporting childhood diabetes and cystic fibrosis research. The Gillis W. Long National Disease Center in Carville, Louisiana (founded in 1943) is a leading leprosy and tuberculosis research center which they sponsor, and they volunteer through the VA Hospitals around the country. The Forty & Eight has also provided scholarships for nurses since 1955.

After Fred had finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Cody Hackmann and Dayton Grover had their chance at riches, but Shawn Steelman was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!"

Ernie Wren did send Barrett information that Sam's Club provided \$1,000 reimbursement for the Safety on Wheels program and that MU Health will be sponsoring a Pool Night on Aug. 25, the Sunday after the Cattleman's Day rodeo.

Letitia DenHartog