



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

March 16 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- Apr. 11, 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: Mar. 22- Team Four We will be one person short in the kitchen and would appreciate help

Breakfast: Mar. 23- Barrett Glascock, Shawn Steelman, and Lena Long

Program- Chris Felmlee talking about the upcoming 40 Cent Tax Increase

Hopefully everyone received the email for the NOW breakfast (New Optimists Welcome) we plan to have on April 6th and have printed out the flyer and application. We are requesting that all members come for breakfast and invite a guest. Barrett Glascock, Chris Felmlee, and Mayor Gene Rhorer will speak. Please let Ernie Wren know if you plan to attend, as well as how many guests you will be bringing so that enough food can be provided!

Barrett will be taking orders for Optimist shirts from anyone who is interested through the end of this month. There are polo shirts, as well as long and short sleeve t-shirts available. You can contact Barrett at The Glascock Agency (504 E. Broadway) or through his email barrettglascock@gmail.com to see available options.

I have included information in the bulletin previously about local resident and Mizzou student Jenny Lewis, Jay Lewis' daughter, who will be spending Spring Break this year participating in University of Missouri's Alternative Breaks by assisting Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans, helping in the Lower Nine area. She would appreciate any financial support our members could give her. Any donations can be brought to meetings this month or to Barrett at his office. Please support this young lady before the end of the month, if you are interested.

The Ashland Optimist Board met Thursday, Mar. 14th with everyone in attendance, plus Bern Bonderer who presented his 2019 T-Ball and Coach Pitch Budget, which should show a profit again this year. Treasurer Eric Barmann presented financial statements from October through mid-March. The Board voted to donate \$250 toward the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts again this year and to continue with Jacob Bullard for our mowing services.

Bingo numbers had improved Friday night with 144 players. Charlie was thrilled to see Bruce Glascock and Rick Gowdy, who came in to help on the floor since the floor is still short-handed.

An incredible breakfast of three different types of stromboli and platters of fresh fruit were served this morning by Bern Bonderer, John and Ben Travelos. John announced that Sam Bonderer was our Essay contest winner and that the Zone Oratorical contest will be held at our building Mar. 31st, followed by the Regional contest on April 7th, also at our building this year. The World Championships will be held at the Hilton St. Louis Airport in conjunction with the Third Quarter District Conference on May 3-4, 2019. If anyone is interested in attending this conference, please contact Janet Popejoy or Barrett Glascock before April 3rd.

Our speaker this morning was Margaret Conroy, former member of our club and current director for the Daniel Boone Regional Library system, which includes all of Boone and Callaway counties, except for Centralia, and is the seventh largest library district in the state of Missouri. Residents currently pay 32 cents per \$1,000 valuation of their property to assist the library district. That money is used to provide services at two main buildings, two branch libraries, bookmobile services, and outreach to child care centers and senior care facilities.

The newest branch in Holt Summit opened earlier this month after being a busy bookmobile stop for years. The building, which is in Summit Plaza, is being provided rent free for the first two years through an agreement with the Holt Summit Community Empowerment Foundation.

The library also provides services by using the Book Rover and the Book bike, which can bring materials into crowded spaces that the Bookmobiles can't access, like the Columbia Farmer's Market and community events. Margaret stated that "It is important to get our services outside our walls to new audiences." The library system's newest service will be providing passport services at the main buildings. This will help because we are open more hours than the Post Office and are trained to provide quality customer service.

When Margaret was finished with her presentation and answering questions, she drew for the Attendance Drawing. Jerome Glascock, Chris Palmer, and Jerilyn Hahn had a chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow!

Letitia DenHartog