



ASHLAND OPTIMIST CLUB

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

May 11, 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- June 13, 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: May 17- Team Three, with Brenda, Bonita, Mark, and Dennis in the kitchen because of trades

Breakfast: May 18- Glenn Sapp, Cindy Gunter, Chris and Garrett Felmlee

Program- Rebecca Nolan- Area Agency on Aging

Safety on Wheels will be held this Saturday, May 18 from Noon to 2p.m. (NOTE: TIME CHANGE!) at the east parking lot for the pool. Even though we will have volunteers from our local Folks on Spokes and the High School FFA bike repair program, we can always use other members to keep things rolling. Central Bank of Boone County provided funds for two brand new bicycles as prizes, so let all your friends with children know to come out for bike safety checks, a skills course, as well as the drawings. If anyone has used bikes to donate, they can also be brought to Safety on Wheels. These will be given to the FFA to refurbish again this year. Last year we provided over fifty bikes to children at Christmas through this partnership and we look forward to continuing the service! (updated by Ernie Wren 5/12 8pm)

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 provide for lots of happy kids.

We had an Optimist Board meeting on Thursday and since Janet and Missy were not available, Lena Long stepped up to lead the meeting. We approved three new members: Fred Klippel, Ken and Jeana Bishop, then during the Foundation meeting, we agreed to participate in COMO Gives again this year, with the caveat that Ernie will be asking for assistance this year. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ernie Wren.

We had 113 players at Bingo Friday night, including several new faces, and plenty of help in the kitchen (thank you Janet for covering until Eric could get there). Unfortunately, Lester had to leave early for a family emergency, which left us short-handed on the floor.

A yummy breakfast was provided by the Jim and Deb Bowden as well as Michael and Tracy Howard. It smelled good enough that it drew Pastor Matt Goodsell of the Ashland Baptist Church in through the rain.

Our speaker this morning was **Dave Fox, Executive Director of the Missouri State Senior Games**, which is an Olympic style sports festival for individuals age 50 and older. This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Senior Games which includes twenty-seven diverse sports, everything from basketball and track to horseshoes and tennis. These competitions help seniors to get engaged and set goals. Dave shared with us that the most individual sport growth has been in the pickleball competitions, but that basketball is still the largest team sport with around 500 teams.

The senior games are held in Columbia but include athletes from over 100 counties in the state of Missouri. This year the games will be held from June 6-9. If you are interested, go the moseniorgames.org for more information or to sign up. Dave stated that the Senior Games greatest need with this many athlete coming in town is volunteers. You can also sign up to volunteer on the website or call 573-882-1462. Dave also commended our own Rick Gowdy who has volunteered for years as a soccer official.

When Dave was finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. He tried to give the money away to Ben Travelos, but since Ben wasn't in attendance this morning, Dave drew Rick Gowdy's number. I'm fairly sure I heard Rick say, "Aw, you didn't have to, but it does pay to attend!"

Letitia DenHartog