



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

September 7, 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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| Janet Popejoy | President |
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COMING UP

Board Meeting- Sep. 12, 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: Sept. 13- Team Two

Breakfast: Sept. 14- Rick Gowdy, Bryan Chapman, and Jim Green who traded last week

Program- Marjorie Johnson

Save the Date: Our Installation of Officers Celebration and Social will be held Sunday, Sept. 29 from 4:00-6:00 at the Optimist building. Mike Boles, the Eastern Missouri District Governor-elect will be in attendance and will perform our installation. I will hopefully have more information to share after the Optimist Board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12th at 7:15.

Bingo on Friday included 117 players a good crew on the floor as well as in the kitchen, thanks to Hurricane Dorian's interference.

Carole Iles, Missy Bonderer, and Kristy Savage-Clark provided their normal wonderful breakfast this morning, with the only drawback being that no one had put coffee grounds in the coffee pot the night before, so the coffee was amazingly weak. Lena took care of that by making coffee in the small pots and serving everyone who wanted coffee. Missy also led the meeting and shared a thank you note from Kaylie Justice for the scholarship she received.

Our speaker this morning was Jeff Moran who has worked with Mobility Worldwide for nine years. Mobility Worldwide, which was started by Mel West, Earl Miner, and Larry Hills as the PET Project in 1994, now has over twenty additional workshop sites, some overseas. They serve people worldwide who are leg disabled and have helped over 80,000 people in over one hundred countries by providing hand-cranked Mobility carts at no cost to the recipients. These carts allow people, who in the past had to crawl in the dirt, to have freedom of movement, dignity to look others in the face, and the ability to work to provide for themselves and their families.

In the past, the Mobility Worldwide location in Columbia was able to build and ship forty carts a week, but because of reduced funding, they are currently only producing thirty a week, even with an all-volunteer workforce. The carts are only part of the expense. Shipping is their largest expense and brings the total cost to between \$250-300. Right now is the best time to donate, if you are interested, because there is currently a sponsor willing to match all donations through a grant, up to \$20,000.

Another way to help is by purchasing Mel West's book "One Damn Good Horse" for \$20, available at 1908 Heriford Rd., the Columbia workshop location. While you are there, you can see what goes into putting a cart together and possibly get interested in volunteering your time. For more information, their website is mobilityworldwide.org.

When Jeff was finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Brandon Glascock, Dale Wilson, and Sara Walsh had a chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow.

Letitia DenHartog