



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

**September 28, 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
Lena Long	1 <sup>st</sup> VP
	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP
Janet Popejoy	Past Pres.
Barrett Glascock	Secretary
Heather Martin	Treasurer
Robert Blake	2020
Shawn Steelman	2020
Greg Hawkins	2020
Bruce Glascock	2021
Bernie Bartel	2021
Lisa Barnum	2021

### **COMING UP**

**Board Meeting- Oct. 10, 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: Oct. 4- Team One**

**Breakfast: Oct. 5- Jim & Deb Bowden, Mike & Traci Howard**

**Program- Ashland Mayor, Gene Rhorer**

**Save the Date: We will be sponsoring the 4th annual Spooktacular on Thursday, Oct. 31st from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in conjunction with MU Health Care. Please contact Ernie Wren if you have a business that would like a table or if you can volunteer to help.**

The number of players Friday night was up some, with 115 players. We had a good crew on the floor, almost enough people working in the kitchen, Glen Sapp covering for Barrett, and a tasty special. The kitchen came up just short of bringing in \$600. But the best part was when one of oldest regular players, Meta Beth Garrett, took home the top prize of \$1,199.

A delicious breakfast was provided this morning by Eric Barmann, with a lot of help from Lena Long after Eric lost the rest of his team.

Janet, on her last Saturday as Board President, thanked everyone for all the volunteering we do to support the youth of this community before she introduced our speaker.

Our speaker this morning was Letitia Johnson from MU Extension service. Her exact title is County Engagement Specialist in Community Economic Development for Boone County. She has worked with MU Extension for twenty-five years, with the last five being in Boone County.

She talked about the history of MU Extension, which was started in 1839 as the first land grant college in the Louisiana Purchase. Land grant institutions are given property to establish teaching of practical sciences, such as agriculture, engineering, and military science in response to the industrial revolution and the change in social class.

Some of the big programs that are provided by the MU Extension include agricultural programs, such as Master Gardeners and water quality testing. There are also business development programs like Tish works with. She has worked with REDI and Southern Boone Economic Development Council to help promote new businesses in the area.

Of course, MU Extension also works with Youth Development through 4H and FFA and provides Health and Safety programs for fire and police personnel.

When Letitia was finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance pot. Danna Wren could have won, and Ernie offered to bring the winnings to her, but Jan Palmer was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when her number was drawn next.

Because it was the last meeting of the month, the Poker Pot was also awarded and it went to Jan as well, who said she was on her way to the book sale at the Southern Boone Library with all of her winnings.

We held our Installation of Officers Social on Sunday evening, with Eastern District Governor elect, Michael Boles presiding over the installation of new and returning Board members while about thirty-five members enjoyed dinner from Trailboss Barbeque and Catering.

Letitia DenHartog