



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

August 21, 2021

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

Optimist Board

Jan Palmer	President
Lisa Barnum	VP
Dana Plunkett	VP
Missy Bonderer	Past Pres.
Barrett Glascock	Secretary
Heather Martin	Treasurer
Bruce Glascock	2021
Bernie Bartel	2021
Ken Bishop	2021
Shawn Steelman	2022
Robert Blake	2022
John Dougan	2022

COMING UP

Board Meeting:

September 9, 2021 7:00 p.m.

**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
- Jacob Zagorac- 2019
- Joy Woods- 2021
- Steve Walsh-2021

Next week: Breakfast: Aug. 28- Dana Cofourek, Millie Plunkett, and Letitia DenHartog
Speaker- Mayor Richard Sullivan

We share our regrets with Sara Walsh after the passing of her husband, Steve. Steve was always smiling when he attended our Optimist breakfast meetings, and we will miss the joy he brought to all who knew him.

President Jan Palmer, our new Lt. Governor-elect for the Third Zone, and Ernie Wren, Governor-elect for the East District of Missouri, just came back from the Fourth Quarter Convention of the East District. Every Fourth Quarter meeting, they hold a memorial service for members who have passed away in the past year, and they brought back a memorial candle for Joy Woods which burned by the podium during the meeting.

After a delicious breakfast provided by Carole Iles, Missy Bonderer, and Kristi Savage-Clarke, Barrett shared the Board report from the meeting on Aug. 12th. Kyle Baker presented his report for fall soccer. There are already 380 kids signed up, which will make forty-two teams. The Board voted to give our Fine Jar total to the Red Cross, and at the request of our treasurer, the Board voted to purchase a small scanner to scan paper receipts so she can discard paper copies. Robert Cook was approved as a new member, pending his membership fees being paid and Lisa Barnum was recommended as chair of the wreath committee for this coming year.

Barrett also shared a thank you letter from Oliver Old, recipient of one of our scholarships and shared a plaque from Optimist International in honor of their 50 years in service, which included a thank you letter for the over \$14, 000 the Ashland club has given this year, with a total of \$130,420 lifetime giving.

Our Speaker this morning was Eric Jennings, Government Relations General Council for the Missouri Bar Association. Eric shared an excellent handout on how bills officially become laws (and a fun representation of what is closer to the truth). He told us that bills can come from any source and that, of the over 2,000 bills that are presented to the legislature, about 100 actually become law after going through several steps in each chamber, then having to go through the same steps in the other chamber before the bill is presented to the governor. The biggest issue that Eric sees is that there is a 1/3 turn over each year because of term limits, which leaves lobbyists like him reconnecting with new House and Senate members. Plus, it has become more expensive to become a candidate for office, which keeps many from trying.

After Eric was finished answering the many questions members had, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Jay Richardson, Brenda Austin, and Jason Martin had their chance at riches, but the pot will have more time to grow,

Letitia DenHartog