



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

December 11, 2021

"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:

January 13, 2022, 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

**Breakfast: Dec. 18- Barrett Glascock, Shawn Steelman, and Jim Green
 Speaker- Julia Thompson- Plant diseases**

Since the following two Saturdays are holidays, Dec. 18th will be our last meeting of 2021, so I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

For his 12th year, Bern Bonderer is coordinating with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign bell ringers again this year at Moser's grocery store. If you are interested in ringing, you will need to contact Bern at bern.bonderer@twehous.com or 573-632-1919. You can ring as long as you would like, but Bern needs to register all ringers again this year. The schedule will go through the end of the year, but we need people to sign up.

The Ashland Optimist Board met on Thursday, Dec. 9th, with President Jan Palmer accessing the meeting by phone. The Board discussed holding a workday to clean the building since we have not had weekly cleanings since we stopped holding Bingo. There will be additional information once a date is picked. The Board also voted to provide hams for the CTA Christmas baskets again this year and voted to renew our membership with the Association of Charitable Games in Missouri for the coming year. Wreath sales were down from last year, but the club should still see \$570 in profit. Thanks to Lisa Barnum for leading on this.

We are looking at holding a Game Night on Jan. 8th from 6:00-8:00 at the Optimist building. Bring your favorite board game and snacks to share for an evening of fellowship and fun!

Ernie and Danna Wren hosted Ernie's 60th birthday party at the American Legion Hall on Friday, Dec. 10th. It was a lot of fun, with plenty of food, beer, homemade wine, karaoke, and dancing.

As usual, Bern Bonderer, John Travelos, and Robert Blake provided an incredible breakfast this morning, including an edible Christmas tree made of different types of fruit.

Our speaker this morning was Kevin Lohraff from the Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City, MO. He started his talk with Runge's Mission and Vision Statement, which is: We protect and manage the fish, forest, and wildlife of the state of Missouri. We facilitate and provide opportunities for all citizens to use, enjoy, and learn about these resources.

Missouri is fortunate that 93% of the land is privately owned, which encourages our citizens to want to take care of the land. Runge is one of seven established nature centers across the state of Missouri, and it opened in 1993. Runge includes 2.4 miles of hiking trails which highlight a variety of habitats, including woodlands, prairies, glades, as well as ponds and a wet-weather stream. There are five trails, three of which have hard surfaces and two that are wood chipped. Among the trails is the Nature Center building, which houses live animal exhibits, a large fish aquarium, and spaces for the various programs that are offered. Runge offers programs for children younger than two as well as a variety of programs for school-aged children to adults. In addition to hiking, there are programs on drawing, fly tying, cedar wreath building, archery, bird watching, quilting, and hunter education programs. To sign up for Runge monthly program guides, text "MDC RUNGE" to 468311 or go to their website at MDC.MO.GOV/Runge.

When Kevin was finished with his informative presentation and answering questions, he drew for the Attendance drawing. The first number he drew was 17, which meant that Barrett Glascock was the winner! He exclaimed before the meeting ended, "It pays to attend!"

Since we only met three times in November and will only meet twice in December, the Poker Pot winner will be announced after breakfast next Saturday.

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