



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

October 2, 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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Robert Blake	2022
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COMING UP

Board Meeting:

October 14, 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: Oct. 9- Bern Bonderer, John Travelos, and Robert Blake
Program- Amy Gann- visiting nurse from Los Angeles**

The tables have been returned, but please contact either Jan Palmer or Barrett Glascock before you borrow items from the Optimist building in the future.

Rich Ward requests that someone take over finding speakers for the third Saturday of each month since he has other commitments on that Saturday. Please contact Rich or President Jan Palmer if you are interested in helping with this.

Bernie Bartel, Jan Palmer, and Eric Barmann provided a tasty breakfast this morning, including a delicious apple cake from Bernie and lots of fresh fruit. Since our speaker was Barrett Glascock, then our only guest was Jennifer Lawson, back for a second time.

Barrett spoke about Optimist International, which was started on June 19, 1919. The Oratorical Contest started in 1928 and remains the oldest and most well-known program of Optimist International. Originally the scholarships that were provided to the winners came from the individual districts from their dues and were \$1,500 In 1971 when the Optimist International Foundation was started, they were able to take over providing the funds for the scholarships. In 1983, the Essay Contest program was started for high school students, with winners advancing to the international level and in 1987, women were allowed to join Optimist clubs with October 2006 seeing the first female International President.

Some of the other programs that Barrett talked about include the Childhood Cancer Campaign, which was started in 2001, and the Dime-A-Day program that asks members to agree to give a dime a day, for a total of \$36.50, to the Optimist International Foundation within a year. There are other levels of giving, including Women's Philanthropy gift of at least \$100 per year, President's Club with a donation of at least \$250 per year, a minimum of \$500 per year for a Friends of Today gift. Lifetime recognition levels start with \$1,000 for Benefactor, \$2,500 for Honored Benefactor, and \$5,000 for Distinguished Benefactor. When Barrett's dad, Douglas Glascock was sick two collections were taken to have him recognized as an Honored Benefactor, the first in his honor and the second in his memory.

Douglas Glascock started our Bingo program in 1990 at the Ashland American Legion building and it has paid for our building, as well as many of our programs over the years.

The Optimist International Foundation provides Grant programs of \$1,000 to help clubs start new programs and a pass-through program which allows clubs to gather donations for larger items that they have planned and would like to be able to have donations tax deductible. In 2019-2020, the Foundation paid out over one million dollars. Our donations to the Foundation last year were just over \$14,000, most of which was reinvestment from the interest payments that we have been sent, with a total of \$130, 019 over the years. The Ashland Optimist club set up their own Foundation in 2005 so that we could handle pass through programs for our own community.

When Barrett was done speaking, he had Jennifer draw for the Attendance drawing. Dale Wilson, Becky Edwards, and Sam Gunter had their chance at riches, but since they missed Barrett's interesting talk, the pot will continue to grow.

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