



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

**September 25, 2021**

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

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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. 2- Bernie Bartel, Eric Barmann, and Jan Palmer  
 Program- Barrett Glascock**

**Someone took nine tables out of the Optimist building without notifying the president or the secretary, who handles building rentals. They have not been returned yet. Please return the missing tables and contact either Jan Palmer or Barrett Glascock before you borrow items from the Optimist building in the future.**

**The East Missouri District Optimist 1st Quarter Conference is scheduled for October 22-23 in St. Peters, MO. It would be great to have a number of people in attendance since the OI President Patsy Garner, OI Executive Director Cheryl Brenn, and OI Foundation President Marc Katz plan to be there. This is free to any members who are interested as long as they let Barrett know that they are interested in attending by Sept. 30th.**

**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.**

Lena Long stepped up and made a delicious breakfast this morning to get us back on our published breakfast schedule. Thank you, Lena, for saving us once again!

Our speaker this morning was Donovan Dean talking about computer security. He started by talking about the fact that computers started very basic and that the more complicated they have become, the more options there are for computer issues, such as viruses and malware. Viruses exploit security gaps in an unpatched system and can lead to destruction of the operating system, copying of your data for someone else's use, and encrypting your data so that you can be blackmailed for open access to your information.

Some of the best practice policies that Donovan mentioned included:

- A) Keep your Operating System software updated and if your Operating System is too old to update, invest in new software
- B) If you are using Wi-Fi, change your network password so that it doesn't give your location
- C) Never click on a link in an email unless you expect to receive the link from the person who sent it
- D) Back up your data on a USB drive (thumb drives) or an external hard drive frequently
- E) If you are using USB drives to back up your information, do not use them on other computers where they may get (or send) viruses

Donovan talked about the fact that originally hackers would target home computers, local government systems, and small businesses, but that didn't have enough compensation and was messy to get the funds transferred without being traceable. Now hackers tend to focus on larger targets, especially with the introduction of payment through cryptocurrency, which is not government supported and is difficult to track. Ransomware has become a business where you don't need to know how to hack, instead you can pay to have malicious software infect an unprotected system for a portion of the ransom that you charge. Donovan said that there are two changes that would make a huge difference, beyond making sure that your system's protection is up to date. These include making people more aware of social engineering, such as calls or emails trying to get your information, and regulation of cryptocurrency.

Once Donovan was finished speaking, he drew the attendance drawing. John Travlos, Shyla Barnett, and Mike Gilmore had their chance at riches, but since none of them were here this morning, the pot will continue to grow. Since this was the final Saturday of the month, the poker hand was figured with Barrett Glascock winning with two pairs.

Barrett also reminded us that October is the beginning of a new year for Optimists, so he will be sending out dues' statements for the coming year.

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