



OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL

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

December 17, 2022

"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

**Bell ringing through Dec
contact Bern**

**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
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 Nick Kimbler- 2018
 Barbara Perry- 2018
 Jacob Zagorac- 2019
 Joy Woods- 2021
 Steve Walsh-2021
 Kristi Savage Clarke 2022
 Norma Bennett 2022

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There will be no Breakfast meeting next Saturday because it's Christmas Eve. A Merry Christmas to you all! Enjoy time with your family.

Bern Bonderer would like to remind everyone that the Salvation Army bell ringing at Moser's continues through New Year's Eve. Please share with friends and church groups. You can ring however long you would like, but if you are interested, please contact Bern first so he can keep track of who rings. He told me that he has plenty of openings available. Contact Bern at bern.bonderer@twehous.com or call using your actual voice (no texts!) at 573-632-1919.

Barrett mentioned that we need to gather people interested in helping with Pancake Day, which is scheduled for Sat. Feb. 4, 2023, since that will be five weeks into the New Year.

Our breakfast team of Jan Palmer and Bernie Bartel provided a delicious breakfast this morning. Because we won't meet next Saturday, Elmer Schieffer presented the nativity story from Luke, followed by him singing Stille Nacht, then having the rest of us join in Silent Night.

We had Bingo last night, with good coverage on the floor, in the Bingo window, and in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who helped! Unfortunately, we only had 98 players, but we were able to make a deposit.

Our speaker this morning was Missy Bonderer with a report about the pool. She brought Linda Knierim and Jennifer Zagorac, who make up the rest of the pool committee. Missy talked about the fact that the pool was built in 1989 and they are working with eleven teenage lifeguards. Missy does the scheduling for the lifeguards, Linda is in charge of the Concessions, and Jennifer keeps track of the maintenance of the 30' X 80' pool that is open seven days a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day (hours 12-7 p.m.)

The Pool Committee starts in February with interviews with interested students at the high school and decisions are made by Spring Break. In April they work on cleaning, painting, and preparing the pool so that training can start in May. All lifeguards have to be certified through either the Red Cross or StarGuard, which they pay for themselves. June through August involves thousands of people coming to the pool, through \$4 day passes, family passes, four day cares, summer school students, and three different levels of public lessons starting with Water Babies. Then, September is time to wrap up everything. Missy said that they prefer not to think about the pool from October through January.

Missy praised Kyle Baker, who set up their on-line payment system for pool passes, lessons, and parties and Dave Taylor who keeps everything regarding the pool up-to-date on the Ashland Optimist website (ashlandoptimist.org).

Missy talked about the fact that the lifeguards make minimum wage but gain excellent experience with this being a first job for many of them. Once they are certified, lifeguards are able to offer private lessons for families who aren't able to work within the scheduled public lessons or kids that need additional one-on-one help and can make additional money that way.

When Missy was finished with her detailed report, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Jessica Ward had her chance at riches, but Dan Kennish was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn, then donated his winnings back to the club.

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