



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

September 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

Walking School Bus Sept 12-30
Bingo restart Sept 23

**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
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- 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
- Kristi Savage Clarke 2022

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Breakfast: Sept. 24- Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, and John Dougan
Program- Tracy Titmus with Mid-Missouri Art Alliance, for their Plein Air Event**

Bingo restarts this Friday, Sept. 23rd. If you can come in and help, it would be appreciated. Our next Bingo is scheduled for Oct. 7th. At this time, our prizes will be tiered in proportion to player attendance.

Dana Cafourek made breakfast burritos, Mike Fulca made his delicious fried tomatoes, and Letitia DenHartog provided apple cider doughnuts for breakfast this morning.

After breakfast, Major Kevin Cedervall with the Salvation Army spoke. He has been with the Salvation Army for twenty-six years but has only been in the area a year and a half, and has experienced an upheaval in the Salvation Army, separating the Columbia and Jefferson City Salvation Armies. He is an ordained minister and leads church services, Bible study, and can provide counseling. He and his wife, Amy, currently supervise fifty employees working at Harbor House, which is the homeless shelter, as well as the two thrift stores on Walnut and Parkade.

Harbour House has areas for men, men who are working, women, women who are working, and a separate floor for families, which is unique to Harbor House within the city of Columbia. When people come into Harbor House, their immediate needs are assessed, which allows the Salvation Army to work with people on their immediate needs, such as getting IDs, job training, and treatment for substance abuse. Kevin spoke about how difficult it can be for people who have lost their IDs to get them replaced in the State of Missouri, but Salvation Army works to get all the necessary paperwork so that can be accomplished. Initially people can stay for ninety days, but that has been extended to 180 days lately because of the housing shortage. Once people are working, they transition to the areas for workers which allows a more open schedule and they are helped to set up savings programs for their future.

The Thrift Stores serve a dual purpose of raising money for the Salvation Army and providing goods to people who are dealing with life challenges. Kevin talked about the fact that people who have lost everything after a house fire can come in for clothing and other necessary items when everything has been damaged.

The Salvation Army in Columbia does not currently have a social services manager, but once it does, one of their duties will be to coordinate a program called Pathway of Hope, which was started in the middle of the country. It provides some of the services, such as job training, GED classes, and budget classes that are provided at Harbour House to others in the community. Currently Salvation Army caseworkers work to help people get assistance from the state, through State Assistance for Housing Relief. This may include something as basic as helping them set up an email address and learn to post paperwork on the computer. Kevin also spoke about the Baby Pantry which the Cedervalls started, which now has its own room, and the life skills classes education they are providing.

While Kevin mentioned their annual bell ringing, which we have helped with at Moser's in the past during the Christmas season, he also talked about the Christmas parade, which the Salvation Army will be hosting this year on Sunday, Nov. 27th at 3:00 p.m. For more information on the parade, contact Sean Spence, head of Communion Relations at Sean.Spence@usc.salvationarmy.org. Sean is also coordinating the SalvationFest, a Christian Film Festival showing twelve films the weekend of Sept. 23-24.

After Kevin was finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Lena Long, Lenny Lenger, and Cheryl Field had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

Barrett clarified last week that we will be putting together a committee for the basketball program, but we need interested people to help. Please contact him before the program starts in January.

Lisa Barnum's mother-in-law passed away this past Saturday. Cards may be sent to Jeff and Lisa Barnum at 5356 E. Ernie Langdon Rd. in Hartsburg, MO 65039.

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