



OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL

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

April 1 2023

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

Optimist Board

Dana Cafourek	President
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COMING UP

Apr 4 Election Day
Apr 7 Bingo
Apr 8 NOW Breakfast
Apr 9 Board Meeting
Apr 23 Oratorical Competition
May 20 NOW Breakfast

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
Kristi Savage Clarke 2022

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Breakfast: Apr. 8- Dana Cafourek, Letitia DenHartog, Mike Fulca
Program- With the change of dates for the NOW (New Optimist Wanted) program from this weekend to May 20th, we are casting for a new speaker on Easter weekend

We will be hosting Bingo on April 7th. If you are interested in helping on the floor or in the kitchen, please contact Barrett or me. I will be sending out an email to the regular kitchen crew soon to make sure everyone is available on this holiday weekend.

Our local Oratorical competition is scheduled for Sunday, April 23, with John Travlos coordinating. Our winners will compete again at the East Missouri District Conference in St. Louis on May 5-6. The topic this year is "Discovering the Optimism Within Me".

Bernie Bartel and Donna Wobbe, with a little help from Jan Palmer, served up a delicious breakfast this morning. Barrett Glascock spoke about the history of our club, which will be sixty years old in September of 2024. He spoke of the thirty-one Charter members, many of whom were community leaders in Ashland. Sunrise Optimist Club in Columbia sponsored our club and even shared some members who lived closer to Ashland. One of our clubs initial activities was selecting a top teen boy and girl, one of whom was our own Barrett. Barrett brought an Eagle's stadium cushion that was one of the initial fundraisers and a car seat from a program where the club owned ten seats that they could loan out to people who needed them when guests came in town with young children. Barrett also talked about the safety belt checks they did on cars leaving Ashland and commented on the fact that only about 50% of people were wearing seatbelts at that time.

In 1987, the Supreme Court ruled that civic organizations were required to include women and one of the first female members was instrumental in us working with the school to start the Ashland Pool in 1988. In 1992, we coordinated with the Cedar Valley Saddle Club to purchase land for our building and their arena. After Arcie Sapp, one of the members in 2005, died after a work related fuel fire, we have hosted blood drives for the past seventeen years. Bob Sappington, who had been involved with the youth little league before joining our club, got the Optimists involved and was the driving force behind our little league program, which is why our field is named for him. The other field is named for Laymon Wren, the Charter member who was part of our club the longest.

Barrett also spoke about all the ideas he brought back to our club while he visited other Optimist clubs around the state when he was selling insurance, including the Attendance drawing and the monthly poker pot. He told us about the folding badge holder we use, which the original model was designed and distributed by a former member. He also shared his goals to continue providing projects to involve youth.

After he finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing and Jennifer Zagorac, Jerilyn Hahn, and Megan Morris had their chance at riches, but since they didn't come for Barrett's April surprise, the pot will continue to have a chance to grow.

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