



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

April 20 2024

"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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COMING UP

Apr 27 Kathy Kiely MU J School
May 3 Bingo
May 6 Pink Out Soccer Game

**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
Johnny Pauley 2023

**Ashland Optimist Bulletin April 20, 2024.
Breakfast: Apr. 27- Barrett Glascock, Shawn
Steelman, and Ernie Stewart
Program- Kathy Kiely-MU Journalism School**

At the bottom of the bulletin, you will find a link to information about the 2024 Spring Walking School Bus program for anyone who is interested.

The Board met again on Wed. night since they didn't have a quorum at their meeting last week. They voted to reinvest the interest that they had received from the Optimist International Foundation and to admit new members Tony Ash and Steve Sapp. The money we have in the Optimist International Foundation will allow us to continue providing scholarships, even if something happened to our club. We currently provide five new \$300 scholarships a year and the students continue to receive that amount each year that they email in school.

On Thursday morning, a team came in and made breakfast for the Southern Boone County Leaders program, with over 140 served. Thanks to everyone who helped out, especially Bernie Bartel for coming in early to get things started!

Friday night the building was busy again with 149 players at Bingo for a chance at \$1,199. The floor deposited over \$5,000 and the kitchen deposited over \$1,000 with a German themed special and plenty of desserts.

Breakfast this morning was provided by Mike Fulca and Letitia DenHartog, with cake from Dana Cafourek before our speaker Khesha Duncan, current regional director of the Better Business Bureau spoke. She has only been there six months but had a lot of information to share with the club. She had formerly been involved with the Women's Network in Columbia. a group that Leigh Kottwitz and Sue Rodgers were also involved with.

The precursor to the BBB was founded because Coca-Cola was trying to bill their product as a cure all. One of their leaders formed the group in 1912 to refute their claims. Our BBB out of St. Louis was founded in 1922. BBB is now an international non-profit organization with offices in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Membership does not use "pay-to-play" tactics. Groups must meet eight standards and are rated with A+ through F letter-grade scale. This grade represents BBB's degree of confidence that the business is operating in good faith and will resolve customer concerns filed with the BBB.

On the website (BBB.org), you can find over 380,000 accredited business profiles with information about the business, as well as a "Get a Quote button" for more information. You can also file a complaint through the website if you have a problem with a business and they will help with mediation, which works to solve problems over 90% of the time. There is also a BBB Wise Giving Alliance (Give.org) which ranks charities using twenty-seven criteria. Charities pay nothing, but can pay \$100 per year to use the BBB badge on their website. There is also a Scam Tracker on the website so you can look up and report local scams.

Khesha also shared some of the scams the BBB is currently dealing with, including fake gift cards, fake on-line car sales, and fake job sites. She reminded us to always get our gift cards from the vendors to keep from having problems and to be extremely cautious when buying anything online to make sure that you see the item before you pay anything. If someone is offering you a job that sounds too good to be true, it probably is and if they ask you to pay anything before you start working, it is a scam. If you are buying something online, make sure the web address starts with https (for secure) and has a padlock somewhere at the top.

When Khesha was finished with her information packed presentation, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Carole Iles, Collin Zeugin, and Ginny Lewis all had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow,

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