



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

December 7, 2024

"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

Now thru Dec 31 [Bell Ringing](#)
Dec 12 Board Meeting
Dec 14 Breakfast meeting: Stan Adams
Dec 20 Bingo

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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I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving holiday, with plenty of food, family, and fellowship!

There was no breakfast meeting on Dec. 7th because the 35th Annual Santa's Little Helper Holiday Shopping Show was using the Optimist building that day from 9:00-3:00, so finish your shopping with a variety of wonderful options.

Next Saturday (Dec. 14), our speaker will be Stan Adams speaking about his experience during the Vietnam War.

The Ashland Optimists hosted Bingo on Friday, Dec. 6th including an \$1,199 game, so we were glad for any help we can get. If you normally help on the first r third Friday, but won't be available, please let Barrett or me know.

A delicious breakfast was provided by Brenda Austin and Bonita Lenger, followed by Barrett Glascock giving a FIG (Facility, Infrastructure, & Grounds) report. The three faucets in the men's restroom have been replaced, as well as the guide spots for the tables on the floor being refreshed. Fixing the urinals in the men's room is next on the list.

Barrett also shared that he had a request from the CTA (Community Teachers Association) for our club to provide hams for their Christmas baskets. This is something we regularly help them with, but the hams are needed before the next Optimist Board meeting, so he asked for a vote from the members that were in attendance, and it passed unanimously.

Third-sixth grade basketball at the middle school took a week off for Thanksgiving this Saturday, but there is some coverage up to help represent the Optimists on Dec. 7th, but there are still openings in the morning. Your main duty will be to represent the Optimists (wear an Optimist shirt, if you have one) and be a voice of reason in case of issues. Here is the link to volunteer: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w4JWpm71-cgSESc2UmmJ3jaoaHZjbNZpXmc4hEqBJ4w/edit>.

If that doesn't interest you, Madeline is also looking for people to provide lunch for the referees and timekeepers (usually 4-6 people), many of whom spend the whole time at the gym while the games are going on, with openings starting in January. Lunch should be dropped off at the score table in the middle school gym between 11:00-11:30, if possible. If you are interested, you can sign up at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-q3SqJ_Sav3PeLgpINzz4h8MAibIT2ttfIb4hHZXqY/edit.

Since we didn't have a speaker on this holiday weekend, Charlie Selbach drew for the Attendance drawing. Becky Blue, Ben Travlos, and Sam Gunter had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow.

Poker hands will include cards from November and December since we have had weeks that we didn't meet.

Don't forget to contact Bern Bonderer at bern.bonderer@twehouse.com for your opportunity to ring bells to support the Salvation Army! You can ring as long as you wish, but do need to let Bern know so he can track the donations. Sign up with your family, friends, church group, or any other organizations you belong to, but please help out during this season.

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