



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

February 10 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

Feb 1 Optimist Day!

Feb 16 Bingo
 Feb 17 Breakfast Meeting TBD
 Feb 18 Social gathering BYO
 Feb 23-24 Eastern Conf meeting

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

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**Breakfast: Feb. 17- Bern Bonderer, John Travlos, and Robert Blake
 Program- In the works**

Congratulations to William And Madeline Bloss, who welcomed their son, Henry William Bloss on Jan. 28th.

Happy Birthday to Charlie Selbach!

Our next Social will be Sun. Feb. 18th with a carry-in meal at 5:00 p.m. in our building. We look forward to many members (and possible new members) attending.

The 2nd Quarter Conference of the Optimist Eastern Missouri District will be held on Feb. 23-24 for free if you attend the conference virtually. You can register through the website, <https://oi-emo.org/between> Feb. 7-21st. Our food drive was in connection with this conference and we donated over 400 items to Helping Hands and our local Buddy Pack, well over the hundred item goal!

We had Bingo on Feb. 2nd, with 153 players. With the excellent assistance we had on the floor, we were able to make a \$6,200 deposit with help from the three horse races and eight special event games that were sold. The fine crew in the kitchen (and their delicious desserts) also provided a \$1,000 deposit.

One last update from Bev Steelman about this year's Pancake Day on Feb. 3rd: We were able to deposit \$3,136 thanks to the fabulous crew who helped serve over three hundred hungry people.

After Pancake Day wrapped up, we donated our building for Sadie Robinette's Celebration of Life. Sadie was a local fifteen-year-old student who recently lost her long battle with leukemia, Her mom, Amy Knight, and stepmom, Jessica Robinette, are both members of our club, but aren't able to attend breakfast meetings because they also run Eagle Nutrition here in Ashland.

The Optimist Board met on Feb. 8th. The club and the Foundation voted to file Form 990s, which are due by Feb. 15th. They also heard updates about the Pancake Day, the Youth Basketball program, the upcoming Essay and Oratorical contests, and t-shirt prices. The Board also voted to spend up to \$500 on replacement flags for the Arcie Sapp flag poles which Barrett had ordered and to purchase two more sets of bleacher supports for the ball field bleachers. Watch for an upcoming work day once these arrive.

Barrett gave a FIG (Facilities, Infrastructure, and Grounds) report about the fact that during the coldest days last month, three out of four of the furnaces were not working. Two of these are the ones that we requested ARPA funds to replace. Barrett did everything he thought of to help until we could get repairs, but we still had a pipe burst in the kitchen. The good news is that one of the furnaces and the pipe have been repaired. The better news is that we received permission on Feb. 3rd that we could start using the Counties' ARPA funds. Parts have been ordered for the remaining furnaces.

Leigh Kottwitz and Chris Felmlie provided a delicious breakfast this morning, including Groundhog (actually ground pork from Moser's) in recognition of the holiday.

Bryce and Rachel Beal handed in their application for membership, along with their payment and Taylor Elliott made it to her first meeting (now that I have my email error fixed).

Barrett shared a Thank You note that we received from the Boy State Program which we have sponsored students for in the past. Boys and Girls State will be held at Lindenwood University the last week of June this year and Leigh shared the order form for Ashland Optimist t-shirts. Short sleeved shirts are priced at \$10 for small through extra large, \$12 for XXL and larger.

Ernie Wren thanked Barrett for all of the work he provided during the freezing weather and shared that the applications for lifeguards at the pool for this coming season are up on the webpage.

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