



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

February 17 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

Feb 23-24 Eastern Conf meeting
Feb 24 FFA breakfast meeting
Feb 24 Essay contest entries due
Feb 29 Lifeguard application deadline
Mar 8 Family of Christ church Fish Fry!

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: Feb. 24- FFA Breakfast (they will cook) We are invited as FFA sponsors

Program- Hopefully some of the officers can speak about the local FFA program about 8:00 after we have a brief meeting in the Board room around 7:45

We canceled Bingo on Friday, Feb. 16th because of the weather. The next Bingo will be held Mar. 1st.

A big thank you to Robert Blake, John Travlos, and Bern Bonderer for a fantastic breakfast this morning!

This was the last morning of Youth Basketball. Thank you to everyone who helped this year!

The Pool committee is hiring lifeguards for this summer. Candidates must be fifteen-years-old and can find the application on the home page our website: ashlandoptimist.org.

Last call for the yellow Optimist t-shirts. Small-X large are \$10, 2xl and larger are \$12. Please let Leigh know what size you need so she can get the order in and bring your money Saturday.

The 2nd Quarter Conference of the Optimist Eastern Missouri District will be held this coming weekend, Feb. 23-24, for free if you attend the conference virtually. You can register through the website, emo-oi.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!

Family of Christ Lutheran Church will hold their drive through fish Fry this year on Mar. 8th from 4-7. Adult portions are \$15.

John Travlos was our speaker this morning, sharing information about the Optimist international Essay and Oratorical Competitions. The Theme for the Essay Contest is "Optimism: How it Connects Us" and entries need to be in by this Saturday, Feb. 24th. The theme for the Oratorical contest is "How to Change the World with Optimism" and entries need to be ready in April. If you plan to participate in either, please contact John Travlos at 573-657-2959. Local scholarships begin at \$200, with the top prize for oratorical at \$22,000. These are open to all middle school and high school students under the age of nineteen.

Barrett Glascock shared that all of the parts to repair our HVAC system have been ordered, but it may take three to four months for them to arrive.

At the end of the meeting, Mark Kottwitz, Leigh's husband and our only guest, drew for the attendance drawing. Sara Walsh, Kyle Baker, and Jay Richardson had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

Our recent Social, held on Sun. Feb. 18th as a carry-in meal at 5:00 p.m. in our building, brought in twenty-six members and guests, including several who can't make it to our regular meetings on Saturday morning. There were lots of delicious food options and great social time. A special thank you to Bernie Bartel who came early and stayed late to help with set up and clean up!

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