



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

January 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

Jan 27 Breakfast meeting Kellye McCord
Feb 3 Pancake Day Everybody cooks!
Feb 6 Bond Issue Election
Feb 8 Board Meeting
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

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**Breakfast: Jan. 27- Dorise Slinker, Carole Iles, and Jennifer Lawson
Program- Kellye McCord- Helping Hands- Ashland**

Bingo and breakfast were canceled this weekend because of the frigid weather, but it looks like there is an improvement for the coming week!

Feb. 3rd will be our annual Pancake Day, from 6:30-11:30. Bev Steelman will be coordinating and will need plenty of help. Leigh is looking into the option of ticket pre-sales for guests. Tickets for adults are \$10, kids under 12 for \$5, and under 4 are free.

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 lots of members (and possible new members) to be in attendance.

The 2nd Quarter Conference of the Optimist Eastern Missouri District will be held virtually on Feb. 23-24. As a service project in conjunction with this conference, clubs will hold food drives with a goal of at least 100 items during the month of January. We received some last Saturday but will be collecting throughout the month. The food we collect will go with Kellye this Saturday for Helping Hands and some for our local Buddy Pack program. Some recommendations from Buddy Pack include juice boxes, oatmeal, fruit or applesauce cups, individual boxed cereals, individual ravioli or soup cups, granola bars, or peanut butter crackers. They can also accept cash to buy vouchers from Moser's.

Several people at our previous meeting displayed an interest in ordering a new Optimist t-shirt. I believe Leigh and Barrett are looking into options and prices. Let them know if you are interested but missed the last in-person meeting.

Our speaker this morning was supposed to be Kyle Michel, Ashland City Administrator. Because the meeting was canceled, he shared the following information regarding the election set for Feb. 6th. He created the following two handouts to help provide voter education:

 [BOND FACT SHEET.pdf](#)

 [WW Bond Trifold.pdf](#)

Additional information, like presentations given to the Board of Aldermen, can be found on their website at this link.

https://www.ashlandmo.us/residents/publications_and_important_documents/index.php#outer-311

There will also be a public open house on Sunday, the 28th, at 2pm at City Hall. There will be people there for two hours and it is a stop in as you have time event.

Official Ballot Language for the Feb 6 bond issue election is at the [Boone County Clerk's website](#) (pdf). Our building is the only polling place for this election. In-person polls open at 6am, close at 7pm. [Absentee ballots available now](#) from the County Clerk. You can choose to vote no-excuse "early voting" at the Clerk's office in the Boone Gov't Building, 9th and Ash in Columbia M-F 8a – 5:30pm from Jan 23 until Feb 5.

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