



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

July 27, 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

Aug 2 Bingo
Aug 3 breakfast meeting-Ben Miller
Aug 3 "Early" voting Ashland Library
Aug 4 Fall Soccer registration deadline
Aug 8 board meeting
Aug 10 breakfast meeting
Aug 16-18 Eastern MO convention
Aug 23-24 Cattlemen Days Rodeo

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: Aug. 3- Barrett Glascock, Shawn Steelman
Program- Ben Miller, Capitol City Productions of Jefferson City**

This Friday we will hold Bingo. Please let Barrett or me know if you normally help and won't be available this week. We have all the parts for the monitors to work. Barrett is still working through final issues.

The next Eastern MO Convention will be held on Aug. 16-18 at Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia. Officer-elect training will be held on Saturday. This training is required for our elected officers if our club wants to earn points. In addition, the Governor's Choice Awards Banquet and installation of new officers will be held on Saturday evening, and a Memorial Service on Sunday. Please let Barrett know soon if you are interested in attending. We are gathering the following supplies at our breakfast meetings over the next few weeks as the Fourth Quarter service project: lotion, Vaseline, body soap for all ages, diaper rash ointment, paper towels, Kleenex, and hand soap. All of the items that are gathered will be given to Rainbow House.

Barrett has the sign-up sheets for the Cattlemen's Day Rodeo scheduled the weekend of August 23-24. Contact him or come to a breakfast meeting or Bingo to add your name.

Please let Leigh Kottwitz know if you can help at the 2024 Ashland Fall Fest on Sept. 14th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Remember, we will not have a breakfast meeting that morning, but will need people to help with set-up before 9:00.

Dana Cafourek, Tabi DenHartog, and I made breakfast this morning after we rearranged items on several tables that were set up for Andrew Scott Reeder's Celebration of Life later in our building. Jeff Gipson came as a guest of Elmer Schiefer and Noah Ottinger, Jennifer Lawson's grandson who was given one of our scholarships, came and shared that he will be using the scholarship at Westminster as he earns a degree in Accounting.

Saturday night's first ever Late Night Luau and Movie Swim Party was a great success, putting us over the top for the \$1500 needed for the new pool diving board. Thanks to the more than 50 people who attended and to all who worked hard to make it a great party! Check out all the fun photos on [our Pool photo page](#).

Our speaker this morning was Ann Merrifield, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri and a Big Sister. This nationwide program was started in 1904 when a New York court clerk kept seeing the same boys come through the courts. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri has covered Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cooper, and Randolph counties since 1968.

There are two different programs that are offered for kids 5-18 years old: Community-based mentoring, which involves one-on-one outings on a schedule worked out between a Big and a Little to do activities that they both enjoy. Many of these referrals come from parents. The other program is school-based where Bigs and Littles meet during the school day. Most of these referrals come from counselors and teachers.

All Bigs are asked to commit at least one year with their Littles, enjoying 4-6 hours per month. Bigs and Littles are thoroughly vetted, matched, and supported during their time in the program. Ann shared stories on how this program is positive for the Bigs, as well as their Littles. If you are interested in getting involved, call 573-874-3677 or go to <https://www.bigsocentralmo.org> for more information.

When Ann was finished sharing her information, she drew for the Attendance drawing, Madeline Bloss and Ernie Stewart had their chance at riches, but Rich Ward was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn.

Since this was the last Saturday of the month, the Poker Pot was figured. I had a pair, as did Charlie Selbach, but the hand was beat by Bryan Chapman with a pair of Kings.

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