



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

March 9, 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

Mar 14 Board Meeting
 Mar 15 Bingo
 Mar 16 Breakfast meeting: Upcoming school bond issues, April 2 election
 Mar 16 SBC Middle School spaghetti dinner
 Mar 16 Sunrise Optimist Trivia Night
 Mar 19 No excuse absentee "early" voting opens for Apr 2 election
 Mar 30 Early voting at Ashland public library 10a-3p

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: March 16- Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, and John Dougan
Program- Upcoming school Bond elections

There will be an Ashland Optimist Board meeting at the building on Mar. 14th, starting at 7:00. If there is anything you would like added to the agenda, please let Barrett Glascock know by Wednesday.

We will have Bingo on Mar. 15th, and this will be a \$1,199 game night, so we need plenty of help.

Remember there will be a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at the Middle School on March 16th from 11-6, cash or check donations of any amount, with all funds raised going toward the outstanding meal debt (which is currently \$33,000 for all four buildings).

Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman provided breakfast this morning.

Barrett Shared about an email that went out from Optimist International regarding a new program for members who are 65 or older that may help pay your Optimist dues, in conjunction with a qualifying Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plan. Grouper will pay up to \$100 of your Optimist dues. If you are interested in whether you are eligible, sign on at www.hellogrouper.com/Optiminst.

Our speakers this morning were Angie Regan (with Emery Sapp & Sons), Jody Ayers (with Wildcat Materials), and Marina Cocklin (with United Rentals). They are members of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), Central MO chapter#341. NAWIC is a national organization with eight regions and 120 chapters in forty-seven states and was founded in 1953. Our local chapter sponsors the NEF (NAWIC Education Foundation) Block Kids competition each year in our building for kindergarten through sixth grade students. Each of the sixty-five participants are given 100 building blocks, a rock, a length of string, and a piece of aluminum foil and have forty-five minutes to complete their project with no outside assistance. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age group, along with an overall Grand Champion who will continue on to Regionals and the National competition, with cash and other prizes. The kids and their siblings also have the opportunity to complete a woodworking project to take home with them. The next competition is scheduled for Jan. 18, 2025.

NAWIC also will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity Women's Build and sponsor a Golf Tournament to raise money for the three scholarships that they provide in June. In October, they will take part in the Home Builders Association and Associated General Contractors Build my Future construction career day for high school students, held in Jefferson City.

Each of the Women shared how they got into construction and what their current positions are with their companies, plus they talked about all the activities they participated in during Women In Construction week, which was this past week. Jody shared about judging the Block Kids competition and Marina spoke about the future that she sees for women in construction. It was an excellent program and Angie, the current Executive Coordinator for our chapter, shared her phone number (573-881-3892) in case you have additional questions or want to volunteer as a Block Kids judge.

After they had finished answering questions, each woman had the opportunity to draw a number for our Attendance drawing. Mike Fulca, Chris Felmlee, and Cameron Burns all had their chance at riches, but with their absence the pot will have a chance to grow.

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