



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

March 23, 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

March 30 Breakfast – Rev Elmer Shiefer
Mar 30 Early voting at Ashland public library 10a-3p
March 31 Easter Sunday
April Oratorical essays due
April 2 Municipal and School Board elections
April 5 Bingo

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 30- Leigh Kottwitz Program- Elmer Schiefer talking about Easter

You will find a link at the bottom of the page for the next four months of scheduled Breakfast teams. Let me know if you have any problems opening it.

Our next Bingo will be on April 5th.

Dorise Slinker and Carole Iles provided a wonderful breakfast this morning, for a crowd that included Ezekiel Plank, Loren's son.

Jan Palmer is still accepting donations to help cover the Oratorical Luncheon for all oratorical participants and their families on May 4th before their competition. If anyone is interested in donating, please contact Jan Palmer at palmadore@yahoo.com to make arrangements.

Barrett Glascock shared that Charlie Selbach, who went to the hospital last Friday, was finally able to come home yesterday after treatment for pneumonia but is still healing.

President Leigh Kottwitz updated us that the shirts that were ordered are in the process of being made. Leigh will let everyone know as soon as they are ready.

Leigh also shared that we are looking for people to join the nominating committee as they work on new members for the club leadership. If you are interested in either area, please let Leigh know.

Our speaker this morning was Izzy Smith, a local real estate agent and current president of the Ashland Betterment Coalition. The Downtown Ashland Betterment Coalition (ABC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was started in 2020 through an Empowerment Grant in conjunction with the City of Ashland and Missouri Main Street. ABC focuses on brick & mortar businesses from McDonalds and Scooters down Broadway to Trailboss BBQ and everyone in the triangle that extends from there down to where Henry Clay and Mail Street meet. ABC encourages a diverse, family-oriented commercial environment that promotes this downtown area as a place to live, shop, & play.

Their focus is on revitalizing this area through five yearly events. These include the trivia fundraiser that just occurred at Woody's, a Kentucky Derby watch party that will occur at Eagle Knoll Golf Course in May, the 4th of July parade, the annual fireworks in conjunction with the YMCA, and Santa & his reindeer at In Any Event in December.

They also currently have three flower boxes built by the Southern Boone High School woodworking class and maintained by In Any Event, one at In Any Event, one at Izzy's office on Broadway, and one that will soon move with the Boone County Journal offices. They have two others that are waiting on business sponsors.

There are no membership fees and they are always looking for more volunteers. Their meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 7:00. If you are interested in getting involved, you can go to their website at ashlandbetterment.com and click on the Get Involved tab to fill out their volunteer form.

When Izzy was finished with her presentation and answering questions, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Ernie Wren, Missy Bonderer, and Les Hahn all had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow.

[Optimist Breakfast schedule](#)

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