



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

March 30, 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

Apr 2 Election Day

Apr 5 Bingo
 Apr 6 Breakfast – TBA
 Apr 7 Oratorical competition
 Apr 8 Total Solar Eclipse
 Apr 11 5pm Boone County Housing
 input meeting
 Apr 11 7pm Board 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
 Johnny Pauley 2023

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 Breakfast: John Travlos, Bern Bonderer, and
 Robert Blake
 Program: TBA**

Leigh Kottwitz made a fabulous breakfast this morning, with assistance from Loren Plank, Bernie Bartel and Barrett Glascock (who came in and set up the space the night before). We were thrilled to see Charlie Selbach back in attendance, thanks to the wonderful nursing that Margie has provided. Janet Popejoy came with Bryan Chapman, Brianna Palmer came with her mom, Jan, and Dorise Slinker brought his son. Reese.

Leigh reported that our Optimist Essay contest winner has been selected and plans to share their essay at our meeting on May 4th. Our Oratorical competition will be held on April 7th and is open to anyone who would like to attend. The winner will go to the next East Missouri District Conference in Washington, MO on May 3-4. If you are interested in attending this Conference, please let Barrett know soon.


Our speaker this morning was our own Rev. Elmer Schiefer sharing about Easter. He talked about the fact that Easter is a Christian celebration, it isn't affected by denomination. Elmer talked about the fact that Jesus had to be crucified (lifted up) so that would be separated from God as is stated in Deuteronomy 21. The Sanhedrin, which was a group of Jewish leaders who felt that they were people's link to God and didn't feel the need for a savior, which made them hate Jesus. Isaiah talks about Jesus taking all of our sins on himself, they are all paid for, which brings us hope no matter what we're dealing with through his grace.

After Elmer finished speaking, he attempted to draw his number in the Attendance drawing, but drew John Dougan, Brenda Austin, and Norm Greary's numbers instead. Since they were not in attendance, the pot will continue to grow.

Because it was the last Saturday of the month, Barrett figured the Poker Pot. There were four people with pairs of Jacks, but Dorise Slinker beat them all with his pair of Kings (from the two times he had attended this month). He was thrilled to exclaim, "It pays to attend!"

Leigh shared that we have speakers set for each meeting into May, except next Saturday. If anyone has any speaker ideas for then, please let Leigh know this week at

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 [Optimist Breakfast schedule](#)

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