



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

November 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

Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving!
 Nov 30: Breakfast meeting
 Dec 6 Bingo
 Dec 7 Boy Scouts Santa's
 Workshop crafts sale (no
 breakfast 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: Nov. 30- Brenda Austin, Bonita
 Lenger, John Dougan
 Program- To be announced**

We hosted Bingo this past Friday with 158 players. Because we had excellent help on the floor, we were able to sell eight pull tab games and five horse races in addition to the regular Bingo games. We also had an incredible team in the kitchen and brought in over \$1,000 there. At the end of the night, we raffled off three turkeys to lucky players.

Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman provided breakfast this morning at a well-attended meeting. Bruce Glascock gave the Optimists a check for our share of the earnings from this year's Rodeo, which was close to twice as much as last year.

Because we didn't have a speaker this morning, Jan Palmer asked those of us there to share why they joined Ashland Optimists. Many of the answers focused on community, our youth, and family ties. Leigh Kottwitz recommended a show that is currently on Netflix called "Join or Die" about how the decline of civic engagement in America may hold answers to our democracy's current crisis.

After everyone finished speaking, new member John Martin, who doesn't have a badge number yet, drew for the Attendance drawing and after ten weeks without a winner, Elmer Schiefer was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn.

Third-sixth grade basketball at the middle school takes a week off for Thanksgiving this Saturday, but there is no one signed up to help represent the Optimists on Dec. 7th. Your main duty will be to represent the Optimists (wear an Optimist shirt, if you have one) and be a voice of reason in case of issues. [Here is the link to volunteer.](#) If that doesn't interest you, Madeline is also looking for people to provide lunch for the referees and timekeepers (usually 4-6 people), many of whom spend the whole time at the gym while the games are going on. Lunch should be dropped off at the score table in the middle school gym between 11:00-11:30, if possible. If you are interested, you can [sign up here.](#)

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