



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

September 28, 2024

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

### Optimist Board

Leigh Kottwitz President  
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### COMING UP

Oct 4 Bingo  
Oct 5 Breakfast Meeting  
Oct 9 Last day to register to vote  
Oct 10 Board meeting-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: Oct. 5th- Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, and John Dougan**  
**Program- TBA**

**We will host Bingo on Friday, Oct. 4th. We will be short-handed in the kitchen and I would appreciate anyone who is interested in helping. Please let me know if you are interested.**

**We will sponsor the annual Spooktakular in our building on Halloween, Oct. 31st. Because of this, Bingo in November will be moved to the second and fourth Fridays (Nov. 8 & 22) which will allow us to do drawings for hams before Thanksgiving.**

~~Bern-Bonderer~~ **John Travlos** sponsored a Cross-Country race on Wed., Sept. 25, with 250 middle school students competing from twelve different schools. Leigh Kottwitz was able to decide the best sportsmanship winner. Barrett Glascock shared the history of this competition at Saturday's Breakfast meeting, stating that this is the only race some of these schools are able to participate in.

Dana Cafourek, with her ham breakfast sandwiches, Mike Fulca, with his fried tomatoes, and I provided breakfast this morning, with several familiar favorites as well.

Our speaker this morning was Sid Popejoy with Bikes to the Future, a program that started at Missouri United Methodist Church in Columbia. The program to refurbish donated bicycles for people who need them for transportation started in 2016. Since then, they have had 1,731 bikes donated, with 1,315 given out through various social assistance agencies, including Love Columbia, Welcome Home, Stop Human Trafficking, Reentry Opportunity Center, Turning Point, and many others.

They were fortunate to secure tools and bike stands when Trailside Bikes in Rocheport closed and, through Bill Miller at Community UMC, they were able to access their current location on west Broadway where they work Monday & Tuesday 9:00-12:00. They serve adults and prefer mountain bikes because they hold up better. They work through a voucher system from their social assistance agencies, with 201 vouchers received last year and 164 bikes given out. Any children's bikes are saved for donation through churches at Christmas.

When they run short on donations, they can sometimes get bikes from Manchester UMC in the St. Louis area. Each bike goes through a rigorous full sheet check list of repair needs, with brakes being the most important item on the list. Even though they are able to refurbish five-ten bikes per week, they still have a fifteen-month backlog.

Sid also mentioned the CoMo Bike Co-op program through the Columbia Parks & Rec, which provides free bicycle repair and low-cost refurbished bicycles for a suggested donation at the Armory on Mondays from 2-6 p.m.

After Sid finished his informational presentation, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Greg Hawkins, Bev Steelman, and Marvin Bennett had their chance at riches, but their timing was off since two out three of them were at the 60th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday evening where we had over 70 members and guests, including our current East District Governor, Phyllis Neff, our incoming Governor, Jean Yeager, and several other past Governors enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Andrew Little. Barrett Glascock gave a fascinating history of our club before Jean performed the installation of the new Board, with Ken Bishop as President.

Registration for Youth Basketball for first-4th grades is still available at <http://ashlandoptimist.org/youthsports/basketball.html>. If you are interested in helping at the games on Saturdays between Nov. 18- Feb. 15, please contact Madeline Bloss at [AshlandOptimistBasketball@gmail.com](mailto:AshlandOptimistBasketball@gmail.com).

Dues statements are going out and can be paid online through our website ([ashlandoptimist.org](http://ashlandoptimist.org)), in person at a breakfast meeting, or through the mail at P.O. Box 201, Ashland MO 65010.

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