



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

January 25, 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**

**Feb 1 Pancake Day!**  
Feb 7 Bingo  
Feb 13 Board meeting  
Feb 28 Pool job apps due

**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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**Bev Steelman is in charge of our annual Pancake Day, which is coming up next Saturday, Feb. 1st, with service between 6:30-11:30. She reminds us that with any Optimist event, volunteers are needed to help make each event a success. There will be two work shifts available, so you don't have to be there the whole time. The first shift is 5:30-9:00 a.m. which will include set up. The second shift is 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. which will include cleanup. Bev Steelman is working to get the schedules filled. Her contact info is: [BEVSTEEL52@AOL.COM](mailto:BEVSTEEL52@AOL.COM) or text/call 573-489-2387. Please contact her to sign up for any time you are available to help. There will be no breakfast meeting.**

We need people to sign up for this coming Saturday for basketball games at the middle school and primary buildings, with games continuing through Feb. 15th. Here is the link to volunteer: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w4JWpm71-cgSESc2UmmJ3jaoaHZjbNZpXmc4hEqBJ4w/edit>. I was able to help last Saturday and had a great time seeing the upcoming talented young people and the dedicated coaches.

We still have some openings for people to bring lunch for the referees and timekeepers at the Middle School in Feb., with lunch needed for 4-6 people. This should be dropped off at the score table in the middle school gym between 11:00-11:30, if possible. If interested, you can sign up at [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-q3SqJ\\_Sav3PeLgpINzz4h8MAibIT2tttFb4hHZXqY/edit](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-q3SqJ_Sav3PeLgpINzz4h8MAibIT2tttFb4hHZXqY/edit).

**The next Bingo will not be until Feb. 7th.**

Brenda Austin and Bonita Lenger had help from Myron & Shelly Helms to provide a superb breakfast this morning. We had many guests there in honor of Rev. Elmer Schiefer, including his daughter, Debbie Lenz, Alan Marrs, Ryan Scheer, his mom, Sue, and Tammy, who plays music for Family of Christ Lutheran Church since MO Representative John Martin had brought a House Resolution to honor Rev. Schiefer for his seventy-five years of ministry. Rev. Schiefer will also be recognized on the floor of the House on Feb. 4th when Governor Mike Kehoe presents his State of the State address and budget for the upcoming year.

John, who is our new Representative for the 44th District also shared some of what is going on at the State Capitol. He is on the Budget, Education, and Economic Development committees. His email address is [John.Martin@house.mo.gov](mailto:John.Martin@house.mo.gov). His physical address is MO House of Representatives 201 West Capitol Ave. Room 201-D Jefferson City, MO 65101. His phone # is 573-751-1169 and his Legislative Assistant is Christine Bell, who owns Penn Station Subs with her husband in Columbia.

When John finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Cindy Gunter and Becky Edwards had their chance at riches, but with their absence, Lester Gilpin was thrilled to state that it pays to attend when his number was drawn. Because of the snow day and Pancake Day, Poker will not be decided until the end of February.

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