



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

March 8, 2025

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

Optimist Board

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COMING UP

Mar 12 last day to [register to vote](#) for April 8 election
 Mar 13 Board meeting
 Mar 15 Brian Canaday, MDC re: CWD
 Apr 5 "Early" voting at Ashland Library
 Apr 8 Election Day

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
 Florence Hahn - 2011
 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: March 15- Bernie Bartel, Taylor Elliott, and Donna Wobbe
Speaker- Brian Canaday, MO Dept. of Conservation- talking about chronic wasting disease

The Optimist Board will meet on Thursday, March 13th at 7:00 in our building. If you have items that you want added to the agenda, please let Barrett Glascock know by Tuesday.

We had a positive Bingo on March 7th, with 183 players spending well. We gave out over \$5,000 in prize money, including the \$1,199 top prize, and still deposited \$7,000, including over \$1,200 from the kitchen.

Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman saved the day when the breakfast team on the schedule wasn't available and served a traditional breakfast.

Our speaker this morning was Kathy Green, Outreach chair with OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute, which provides a variety of classes for people 50 and older through MU Extension. There are over 120 Osher programs across the country, affiliated with colleges and universities. They are partially funded by the Bernard Osher Foundation and are designed to help older people maintain life-long learning by stimulating their brains through a variety of courses. In the past, the Osher Foundation has provided \$3,000 to the MU program.

There are two membership levels, an annual Premium membership for \$305 (only \$175 to cover the rest of this year) which allows you to take as many classes as you would like or a standard membership for \$30 plus the cost of each individual class that you choose to take. The Spring session started on March 3rd, but you can still join classes, plus some of the four week classes don't start until April 7th.

Classes meet once per week for 90-minute sessions and are provided in person, on-line, or hybrid, depending on the class format and the instructor. All online and hybrid classes are recorded for later viewing. To see a full listing of the current classes, go to osher.missouri.edu.

After Kathy was finished with her presentation and answering questions, she drew for the Attendance drawing. When Barrett's number was the first one drawn, he gladly shared that it pays to attend!

Barrett then reminded everyone at the meeting about Grouper, a program in conjunction with some Medicare Advantage plans for people 65+, which will pay your Optimist dues, plus pay a bonus as long as you stay active in Optimists. Contact Barrett for more information.

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