

Optimist Board

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COMING UP

Oct 10 Breakfast Bekki Brewer MO House 44 candidate
Oct 17 Breakfast Sheriff Dwayne Carey
Oct23-24 1st Qtr District Meeting Jeff City
Oct 24 No breakfast meeting, bldg rented
Oct 31 Halloween Spooktacular
Nov 11 Annual Veterans Breakfast

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
Wes Donley 2025
Louise Martin 2025
Rev. Elmer Schiefer 2026
Bern Bonderer 2026
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Breakfast: (Oct. 10)- Chris Felmlee, Leigh Kottwitz, and Loren Plank

Speaker- Bekki Brewer- State Representative Candidate

There will be an Optimist Board meeting on Thursday, October 8th in our building at 7:30 p.m. (this month). Please let Barrett Glascock know by Tuesday if you have items to add to the agenda.

We sponsored Bingo on Friday, Oct. 2nd with 103 players. Thanks to the floor crew of Lester Gilpin, Charlie Selbach, Bryan Chapman, and Bruce Glascock we were able to make a decent deposit, including \$750 from the kitchen. Our next Bingo will be on Oct. 16th and will include a \$1,199 game, plus a \$1,000 horse race.

We had a delicious breakfast this morning, which included many of our standards, plus a cinnamon apple bake, prepared by Dorise Slinker and Tony Ash, with help from 4-year-old Legend. Dorise shared a report on the City, with information that Nicki Rinehart has been appointed to fill the open Ward One position and that Thad Stubbs has been authorized to fill the Ward Three position that has opened because of Bryce Beal's move. He also shared more information about the A&W restaurant that will hopefully be opening in town by spring.

Jan Palmer shared information about the Optimist International Foundation Dime-A-Day program that supports Optimist International and their programs at a cost of \$36.50/year. Ken Bishop reminded us that dues statements will be coming out this month from Barrett Glascock, so watch for them. Twenty members were recently dropped for chronic non-payment. When the meeting was finished, Jason Hollandsworth drew for the Attendance Drawing. Biff Barner, Glenda Richardson, and Jay Richardson had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

Ernie Wren shared about the death of Bern Bonderer earlier this week. Bern was a long-time active member who has been fighting cancer. His visitation will be 4:30-7:00 on Friday, Oct. 9th at St. John Henry Newman Center in Columbia, with mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City.

Our Club Social was held on Sunday, Oct. 4th with fifty members and guests in attendance. The program included updates about the past year and an installation of our officers by the 2026-27 East Missouri Governor Mary Hatfield and Governor-elect Gary Joe Hatfield. Our Board officers include Ernie Wren as President for a second year, Dorise Slinker and Madeline Bloss as vice presidents, Barrett Glascock as secretary, and Heather Martin as treasurer. Our Board members are Dennis Sapp, Leigh Kottwitz, and Tony Ash (2025-27) and Shawn Steelman, Tara Blue, and Chase Thomas (2026-28).

Save the Date:

The First Quarter District meeting will be Oct. 23 & 24 and will be held in Jefferson City jointly with the East and West Districts. Let Barrett know if you are interested in attending.

Our Spooktacular will be on Saturday, October 31st from 4-6 pm. Ernie Wren has posted a link on Facebook for registrations. He will provide more information and will look for volunteers to help closer to time.

The Veteran's Breakfast will be on Wed. Nov. 11th and will be spearheaded by Leigh Kottwitz. She will be looking for non-veteran volunteers to help.

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