

Optimist Board

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COMING UP

Sep 19 Breakfast Jane Rutter, author
Sep 25 5th 6th Grade Basketball
[Registration Deadline](#)
Sep 26 Breakfast James Zielinski
Oct 3 Breakfast Mary Dewy Dime-A-Day
Oct 4 Club Social & Officers installation
Oct 10 Breakfast Bekki Brewer MO House 44 candidate
Oct 17 Breakfast Sheriff Dwayne Carey
Oct 24 No breakfast meeting, bldg rented
Oct 31 Halloween Spooktacular

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
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Breakfast: (Sept. 19): Barrett Glascock, Shawn Steelman

Speaker- Jane Rutter, author

The Ashland Optimist Board met on Thursday, Sept. 10th with full attendance, plus several guests. After President Ernie Wren shared information about the new Optimist International programs (which will be detailed in his talk at our breakfast meeting), Chase Thomas and Lane Williams gave an update from this year's Cattlemen's Day Rodeo. It looks like it will be another successful year for both clubs! The Board decided to donate our fine jar amount to Harper Kroeckel and her family for their trip to Italy for surgery, discussed the Social coming up on Oct. 4th and agreed to host our annual Veteran's breakfast on Nov. 11th. The Board also voted to purchase two sets of frames for the little league bleachers to replace some that are aging.

Because people needed to be at the park right after the meeting for the Ashland Fall Festival, breakfast was a simple meal of Casey's breakfast pizza, with roasted potatoes, fruit, and a sour cream coffee cake provided by Dana Cafourek, Tabi & Letitia DenHartog. Ernie Wren quizzed us about the club bylaws, which are: The purpose of the Club shall be to develop Optimism as a philosophy of life, utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for the law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life, and the world. He also talked about the need to work on membership, with a goal of each member bringing in a new member in the coming year and talked about the new Optimist International ranking program, which will go from Distinguished and Honor clubs to Gold, Silver, and Bronze ranks. Ernie's goals for the coming year include working on membership and making committees stronger.

After Ernie finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Originally, he called his number but then admitted that it was actually Shawn Steelman's number. Since Shawn wasn't here (though his mom said she would take it to him), Ernie drew again and Leigh Kottwitz was thrilled to accept her winnings before she left for her shift at Fall Festival.

Save the dates:

Oct. 4: Club Social from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This will include installation of our officers, with 2026-27 East Missouri Governor Mary Hatfield and Governor-elect Gary Joe Hatfield, in attendance and will include a catered dinner at a cost of \$5 for members. We invite all Ashland Optimist members and family to attend. A sign-up sheet will be coming out with more details soon.

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 will provide more information and will look for volunteers to help with that closer to time.

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

Letitia DenHartog

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