

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

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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

Lisa Barnum

Board Meeting: Jan. 9- 7:15 p.m. 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

Bingo: Jan. 10- Team Two (but anyone who is willing to help in the kitchen is welcome on this \$1,199 night) Breakfast: Jan. 11- Glenn Sapp, Chris and Garrett Felmlee

Program- Paul Hobbs- Taps & Bugle

There will be an Optimist Board meeting this Thursday, Jan. 9th at 7:15 p.m.

Bern Bonderer was thrilled to report that the fine folks and groups that rang bells for the Salvation Army at Moser's this year brought in over \$2,800. A big thanks for everyone who helped out!

Our Annual Pancake Day will be held Saturday, Feb. **1st. Please let Missy Bonderer or Barrett** Glascock know is you will be available to help. We need as many helpers as possible.

We will NOT have our regular morning meeting on Feb. 29. Instead, there will be an evening meeting, which will be held in conjunction with our inaugural Business Bonanza. Instead of breakfast food, we will have a potato bar with pulled pork, still at the same cost of \$5 and we will hold a basic meeting at that time, so please come.

Remember to alert any young people fifteen and over who may wish to work as lifeguards thist summer that applications will be available as of Feb. 1st, 2020. Certification will be required before new lifeguards can start work.

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2020 Knights of **Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local** competition will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the Fr. Tolton Catholic High School gym, located at 3351 E. Gans Rd., Columbia, MO. Registration will begin at 12:30 PM and the competition will follow immediately.

We had an incredible night at Bingo, with 165 players in attendance. Like Bryan Chapman reported, "This was definitely the biggest crowd of the year!" The kitchen was well-staffed, including Wes Donley being back and there were enough people working the floor, but we need to think about training some newer folks since some of the current folks are beginning to age.

Jim and Deb Bowden, as well as Mike and Traci Howard provided a yummy breakfast to get our day started.

Our own Rich Ward was the speaker this morning, providing information on Protect in Place, a safe room & shelters company managed by his son-in-law Roger Mertensmeyer and daughter Carrie (protectinplace.com) from Hartsburg, Missouri.

Prices range from \$3,250 for a four-foot single shelter to \$6,500 for a shelter built under the garage. All shelters utilize American steel and exceed FEMA requirements, as well as beating the materials used by competitors. They are designed to allow people to keep valuable space by being set up in closets or the front of garages, but they require eight inches of concrete as a base. Each shelter is designed for the customer's unique requirements, even allowing for wheelchair accessibility if needed. If you are interested, you can call 573-864-5549 for more information.

When Rich was finished with his presentation, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Cody Hackmann, Dave Taylor, and Lisa Barnum had their chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow.

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