

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

May 8, 2021

"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**

Board Meeting: May 13, 2021 7:00 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

Board meeting- May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Optimist building Next breakfast: June 5, 2021 This will be the beginning of our return to weekly breakfast meetings

This morning Ernie Wren brought doughnuts from Casey's and Bernie Bartel cooked cinnamon rolls for our breakfast. We had 16 members in attendance, along with a guest, Leigh Kottwitz, who wrote her check for membership before she left.

Lisa Finn stood up and relayed the need for substitute teachers for the Southern Boone School District. Mike Fulca commented on the issues that he has experienced with Kelly Services releasing substitutes if they go too long without accepting assignments, which Lisa admitted she did not know about. It comes down to the fact that our school system needs people willing to substitute so that we can continue to provide a quality learning experience, so please consider providing this service.

Millie Plunkett, who is an Ashland Optimist, a senior at Southern Boone High School, and current President of our FFA chapter spoke this morning about how the past year has affected our students, from her FFA point of view. Many of the FFA events were cancelled last year because of Covid-19. The FFA members did participate in their annual Winter trip to Memphis last year before things closed down. Millie announced that the State Convention will be held this year, as well as the County Fair. This year's Winter Trip will see the Ashland FFA students going to Colorado. Millie lives with her family in Hartsburg and raises chickens as her SAE. She plans to attend Columbia College next year.

President Jan Palmer, Ernie and Danna Wren attended the Third Quarter Conference of the Optimist's East Missouri district in Arnold, MO on May 8th. They got to hear the finalists for the Oratorical Competition speak about "Healing the World with Optimism". An eighth grader won the competition! It was also announced that new members would get a rebate from May 1- Aug 15 on their membership fees, so please talk to your friends that might be interested in joining our club. Ernie Wren has application forms if you need one.

We voted on whether to support Ernie Wren as Eastern District Governor-elect for the coming year and the vote passed with acclimation.

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