



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

November 20, 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:

December 9, 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
- Joy Woods- 2021
- Steve Walsh-2021

**Breakfast: Nov. 27- Bernie Bartel and Jan Palmer
 Speaker- Leigh Kottwitz- Africa trip**

Don't forget: we will not have a breakfast meeting on Dec. 4th since the Boy Scouts will be hosting their Santa's Little Workshop Craft Show in the building that day. Make sure you come out if you still need to get any Christmas presents!

After an incredible breakfast by Leigh Kottwitz, Jennifer Lawson, Chris Felmlee, and Glen Sapp, Barrett Glascock shared the thank you cards he had received for the assistance our club gave for the 4H Honor dinner and a thank you letter from the Bramon family for the Veteran's breakfast.

Our speaker this morning was Jessica Ward, owner of In Any Event on Henry Clay. She started school at Southern Boone, but when she discovered she couldn't go to the Career Center in Columbia to take classes in Horticulture, she transferred to Rock Bridge High School. After starting college at Columbia College, she finished at the University of Missouri. She has worked with floral design in various locations for twelve years before opening her storefront here in Ashland two years ago after John and Rod decided to close their shop so they could retire. Jessica said her favorite part of the work is working with the customers and arranging flowers, but she finds herself more involved in bookkeeping, which she enjoys less, as her business continues to grow. Most of her flowers come from St. Louis and Springfield and, as much as is possible, most of her other items are American made, locally made if possible.

In Any Event currently has two full-time employees, plus holiday helpers for busy times. Jessica teaches classes at the Southern Boone High School, works with FFA students on their SAEs, provided the backdrop for the Spooktacular, helps with other community activities, and has a plant ICU for people who need additional help. Her husband, Jeff, has started a transport business with limo busses and is currently taking reservations for family groups to be brought around in style, with snacks and drinks, to look at Christmas lights.

When Jessica was finished answering all of the many questions that were asked of her, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Missy Bonderer, Steve Long, and Jenny Grabner had their chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow.

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