



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

October 16, 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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Robert Blake	2022
John Dougan	2022

COMING UP

Board Meeting:

November 11, 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: Oct. 23- Carole Iles, Missy Bonderer, and Kristy Savage Clarke
Program- James Creel, Ashland Maintenance Supervisor

The Ashland Optimist Board met Thursday evening and discussed the upcoming Spooktacular, which will happen at the Optimist building Sunday Oct. 31st as a Trunk & Treat, led by Dorise Slinker. There are currently seventeen business sponsors, including USA Mortgage, but we can still need people willing to decorate their cars for the evening. Coordinate with Dorise on this.

The Board also talked about the Veterans' Breakfast, which is scheduled for Thursday. Nov. 11th from 6:30 a.m. to noon, led by Missy Bonderer. She will need cooks, servers, and clean-up staff. Coordinate with Missy if you are interested.

The Board also talked about the breakfast teams, since we are currently down to seven teams. Please let Letitia DenHartog or Barrett Glascock know if you are willing to be added to the breakfast rotation. We will hopefully have a new schedule for the rest of the year out in the bulletin next week.

The Board approved the facilities agreement with the schools and decided to approve a policy for Covid consistent with the school's policy for Little League basketball, since the games will be played in school buildings. The last item of business for the night involved agreeing to use the language of the Optimist International's anti-discrimination policy for the Ashland Optimist Foundation.

Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman provided a delicious breakfast this morning while Bernie kept track of cards for our poker hands and accepted money for breakfast.

Our speaker this morning was Rhonda Proctor, Communications Specialist with Boone Electric Cooperative. Rhonda started by talking about the history of Boone Electric. They were the first cooperative in the state of Missouri and got started in 1936. Half of the Boone Electric members currently live in Columbia and Boone Electric employees continue to be non-union. All Boone Electric members are given a Christmas check that is a percentage of the dividend they have earned over the year. The rest is used for cooperative upkeep or can be given as a gift to the Boone Electric Community Trust which started in 1997. At this point, \$3.9 million has been provided to groups around Boone County (including the Ashland Optimists, the pool, and the Ashland Senior Center). \$90,000 has been given in the past year alone! This money is provided through grants that are decided on by trustees from around the area, including Kim Stitchnote from Ashland.

Rhonda also talked about the new building that is being built. The original building has had problems for years, so Boone Electric is currently at 1905 Ash St. while the building on Rangeline is finished. Because Boone Electric vehicles have to be kept inside, they are building a second garage for the larger vehicles since the roof on the current garage barely cleared some of the trucks. The new building will also provide barracks when employees have to stay on site during bad weather.

John and Patricia Dougan thanked Boone Electric for the \$2,000 scholarships that are provided, one for each of the thirteen local school districts. In addition, Boone Electric also sends high school sophomores to the Cycle of Leadership program which is held in Jefferson City and the Youth Tour program, which sends high school Juniors to Washington D.C.

When Rhonda had finished sharing her information, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Steve Long, Jason Martin, and Chris Felmlee had their chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow.

Letitia DenHartog