



June 4, 2022

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

Optimist Board

Jan Palmer	President
Lisa Barnum	VP
Dana Cafourek	VP
Missy Bonderer	Past Pres.
Barrett Glascock	Secretary
Heather Martin	Treasurer
Bruce Glascock	2021
Bernie Bartel	2021
Ken Bishop	2021
Shawn Steelman	2022
Robert Blake	2022
John Dougan	2022

COMING UP

Board Meeting: June 9

**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
- Kristi Savage Clarke 2022

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Next week:

Breakfast: June 11- Dana Cafourek, Millie Plunkett, Letitia DenHartog
Program- Barrett Glascock speaking about the Rankin Project. We will also vote for next year's officers

- **June 9. 7pm Board meeting-**
- **June 18 Fishing Derby- right after breakfast**
- **June 29 Blood Drive honoring Hudson Eiler- 2-6pm, Ashland Optimist Building**

We are still in need of a chest freezer to replace the one that the Scouts use, which was destroyed by a lightning strike. If someone has a freezer they are willing to share, please let President Jan Palmer or Barrett Glascock know.

We held our NOW (New Optimist's Welcome) meeting this morning, with a number of guests in attendance, including Eastern District Governor Lauren Dell with her two grandkids, Maddie (Clarke) and William Bloss, Heather and Ben Martin brought their children, and John and Ben Travelos brought Janeann and daughter, Callie.

John Travelos, Robert Blake, and Bern Bonderer provided a delicious burrito bar with plenty of options, plus fresh fruit and cinnamon rolls from Callie. What an incredible breakfast for this special day!

Barrett Glascock spoke about the history of the Ashland Optimist club, which was started in September of 1964. When their meeting place at Gilmore Cafe burned down, the club took some time off, but restarted in 1967 at the old Masonic Lodge building. This is when a young (19-year-old) Barrett joined with his father. In May of 1986, the club started holding Bingo at the American Legion Hall as a fundraiser. It was an excellent fundraiser and The Ashland Optimist Club also invested money with Optimist International, which earns us excellent interest to cover the scholarships we provide, even when we had to stop Bingo in March of 2020. Other things that our club has done over the years include paying the interest on the city pool and paying for the lights at the ballfield in 1986, plus providing storage during the flood of 1993.

After Barrett was finished Ernie Wren, current Eastern District Lt. Governor, got up and spoke about the many programs our club provides. These include our many sports options for kids, the Spooktacular at Halloween, Bike Safety, Fishing Derby, as well as the bike repair program that we have coordinated with the FFA on to give bikes away to students in need at Christmas. There were thirty-five bikes given the first year and, before Covid, that number had grown to seventy-five.

To finish out the program this morning, we had Lauren Dell, current Eastern District Governor and a member at the Clayton and Cape Girardeau Optimist Clubs. She spoke about the order of Optimist International, with current President Patsy Garner, and the two Vice Presidents, one of which is Lister Florence from Rolla who has been at our meetings in the past. She talked about her belief that no one is as important as the members in the clubs that make things happen for kids in their area. She also talked about her theme, which comes from the Michael Jackson song, "Starting with the Man (or woman) in the Mirror" that we have to start the change we hope to see.

After Lauren was finished, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Eric Barmann, Lisa Barnum, and Carole Iles all had their chance at riches, but they missed that (in addition to an incredible breakfast and program), so the pot will continue to grow.

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