



**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

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

April 8 2023

"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**

Apr 13 Board Meeting  
 Apr 14 Tball/Coach pitch sign up deadline  
 Apr 21 Bingo  
 Apr 23 Oratorical Competition  
 May 20 NOW Breakfast  
 May 26 Pool Open House  
 May 27 Pool opens for season

**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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**Breakfast: April 15- Barrett Glascock, Shawn Steelman  
Program- Optimist basketball- Madeline Bloss & Ginny Lewis**

**The Ashland Optimist Board will meet on April 13th at 7:00.**

**We need people who can help cook for the Chamber breakfast on Thursday, Apr. 20th. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. Please contact Brenda Austin or Leigh Kottwitz if you are able to help cook that morning.**

**We also need people willing to help with the Nominating Committee. Please contact Dana Cafourek if you are interested in helping.**

We had 130 players turn out for Bingo last night. They purchased two horse races and a record eleven event games, which allowed us to make a deposit of \$5,700, plus \$849 deposit from the kitchen. Jeff City was not holding Bingo because of the holiday weekend, so we gained players that would normally have gone there. Our next Bingo will be Apr. 21.

Because of the short notice on the date change of the NOW (New Optimist Wanted) meeting from this morning to May 20th, Ernie Wren was given the task of finding a replacement speaker for this week, so after a delicious breakfast of Dana Cafourek's four types of quiche, my lemon angel food bars, and Mike Fulca's fried tomatoes this morning, our speaker was Ernie Wren.

He presented information about the fact that, even though Star Trek was only on television originally for three years, it has made a huge difference. Their crew included people of different races as officers, including intelligent females. The show promoted diversity and broke stereotypes. The show talked about issues including overpopulation and birth control, peaceful resolutions instead of war, and racial confrontations. It provided the country with technology which has become standard in our lives, including bluetooth headsets, tablets, voice responsive computers, and tractor beams. Star Trek also came up with the idea of a shuttle craft which can land after they return from space.

He also shared a story about Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura) almost quitting the show over her frustration with the emphasis on her feminine form over her intelligence, but changed her mind after Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. told her that she was a role model to his daughters as one of the few females on television that was the same race as they were.

Ernie also shared a variety of Star Trek memorabilia he has collected, including an original Star Trek comic book, from DesiLu Productions. A similar comic book recently sold for \$46, 500. He also showed his Star Trek ale, books, pez dispensers, and a cologne that Vulcan women used during their mating rituals every seven years.

To end his talk, Ernie presented a fifteen question quiz, which most of us failed, but Mike Fulca got twelve right and won a deck of Star Trek playing cards. (Did you know that Capt. James Kirk was "born" in Riverside, Iowa, that Spock's mother enjoyed reading Lewis Carroll, and Uhuru means freedom in Swahili?)

He followed that up with the Attendance drawing. Biff Barner, Elmer Schiefer, and Glen Sapp had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow.

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