



OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL

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

April 15 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 20 Chamber Breakfast
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 22- Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, John Dougan
Speaker- Joan Seidel- Walking School Bus and Lauren Hammett, Ashland Optimist Essay Contest winner**

We need people who can help cook for the Chamber breakfast on Thursday, Apr. 20th. The breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m. If you haven't spoken to Brenda Austin or Leigh Kottwitz and are interested in helping cook, please get hold of them by Wednesday to help set up casseroles. We also need members to bring muffins or other sweet baked goods and deliver them that night.

Dana Cafourek is looking for people willing to help with the Nominating Committee. Please contact her if you are interested in helping.

We will have Bingo this Friday, April 21st. Please let Barrett or me know if you can help.

The Board met Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 for a quick meeting. The Board agreed to approve six Optimist scholarships this year. Robert Blake reported on the clean-up along the fence line and talked about a set of bleachers in the brush that was removed. After discussion of the condition of that set, as well as some of our other bleachers, the Board approved the purchase of two sets of steel frames for some of the bleachers. These can be used with the current wooden seating but will be safer and last for years.

Barrett has been contacted by the owners of 54 Country, who lost their previous location near Fulton, about renting our building for Saturday dances while they build a new location in the area.

After a tasty, standard breakfast this morning, provided by Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman, our speakers this morning were Madeline Bloss and Ginny Lewis, speaking about the Optimist Youth Basketball program that they directed, with Charlie Lewis' help. The program included 206 players from first through sixth grade. There were eleven teams of 1st and 2nd graders who played fifty-one games, plus a total of fourteen teams between the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades who were playing with the Mid Missouri Youth League who played sixty-four games. Even though this is a traveling league, Ashland hosted nine of the eleven weeks of games.

Games started in November and December for the 5th and 6th graders, who could continue playing in tournaments in January and February if the coaches chose to, then in January and February for the other grades. Our Youth Basketball program utilized eight high school students and two middle school students as referees, and they were paid \$15 per game that they officiated. To help cover costs for referees, jerseys, and other materials, Madeline and Ginny decided to charge admission for the 3rd-6th grade games of \$2 for adults. There was never a charge for the 1st-2nd grade games since they don't use referees.

Madeline Bloss has agreed to coordinate for the first and second grade program this coming season, but the Optimists are looking for a coordinator for the 3rd-6th grade teams. They have the dates for this season's games already from the Mid Mo Youth League, but feel that to halt burn-out, someone else needs to coordinate for the older teams. If you are interested, Madeline and Ginny are willing to give support and guidance from what they have learned. You can contact them at blossmadeline@gmail.com or 18lewis@gmail.com.

After they finished speaking, Charlie drew for the Attendance drawing, Alicia Lang, Jamie Metcalf, and Cheryl Field having their chance at riches. Since none of them were at this morning's meeting, the pot will continue to grow.

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