



**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

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

April 29 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**

Thru May 26 [Walking School Bus](#)  
May 5 Bingo  
May 11 Board meeting  
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  
Johnny Pauley 2023

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**Breakfast: May 6- Glen Sapp, Chris Felmlee, Leigh Kottwitz**  
**Speaker- Sarah Barnett- International Blessings**

**We will have Bingo on May 5th. Please let Barrett or me know if you can help. I will be sending out a reminder to the usual First Friday kitchen crew.**

Brenda Austin, Bruce Glascock, and Brenda's friend Lois served up a wonderful breakfast for the Optimists that came and guests that came with our speaker, Loren Plank, which included Benjamin Gunn, President of the Ashland Skatepark Association, Karl Bussen who is in charge of media, Chris Bailey and his son Asher from Parkside Skateshop in Columbia, and KOMU reporter, Hunter Waltermann.

Barrett shared that Forrest "Red" Leighton, a long-time Downtown Optimist member passed away this week at the age of 97.

Loren provided an interesting presentation, including slides about their mission statement: To raise \$500,000 to design and construct Ashland's first outdoor skatepark. They received their 501c3 designation in Oct. 2022 and their Letter of Intent from the IRS in Feb. 2023. This will allow all donations to be tax-deductible. Donations can be sent through checks to PO Box 81, Ashland, Mo 65010. Loren read a comment that "If your community does not have a skatepark, it is a skatepark. The upside of having a community skatepark is that it allows kids that are not interested in team sports to be involved in a physical activity that is inexpensive for families, very individual driven, but entices them to bond with others and set goals.

Loren provided more information than I have here, but you can go to their [Facebook page at Ashland Skatepark Association](#) for more information. After Loren finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Chris Palmer, Jennifer Zagorac, and Donna Wobbe had their chance at riches, but since they weren't at the meeting this morning, the pot will continue to grow.

Since this was the last Saturday of the month, Barrett figured the poker pot, with Shawn Steelman winning with a pair of Kings.

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