



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

November 25, 2023

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

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COMING UP

Red Kettle Campaign thru Dec 31
Dec 1 Bingo
Dec 2 Boy Scouts craft fair
Dec 14 Board meeting

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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There will be no breakfast meeting next Saturday! Instead, the Boy Scouts will be hosting their 34th annual Santa's Helper Holiday Show from 9:00-3:00 in our building. Come and do some Christmas shopping.

Optimist dues are \$90 for individuals or \$135 for couples that are both members. You can pay

through: <https://form.jotform.com/72136728772160> or mail your check to Ashland Optimists, PO Box 201, Ashland, MO 65010.

Our next Bingo will be held on Dec. 1st. We can always use extra help selling games on the floor.

Bern Bonderer is coordinating the Red Kettle Campaign for the Ashland location again this year, starting Nov. 22. This is his 14th year! Everything will be the same as in the past. Bell ringing will take place at Moser's. If you would like to ring, please contact him at bern.bonderer@twehous.com to get more details. You may ring for 10 minutes or 10 hours! There is no set schedule, but he has to report all ringers and times to the Salvation Army so please do NOT just go over there and ring.

The elementary basketball season got off to a great start last Saturday with a series of 5th grade boys basketball games at the middle school. Thank you to Madeline Bloss for her amazing work on this, to Heather Martin for organizing the referees and scorers and to Wil & Tara Blue for their time.. Basketball will continue through the end of February, and after the first of the year we will have games at two locations so we need your help! At Barrett's suggestion, we can divide up the days in 3-4 hour shifts to make this more manageable. We need to have an adult there at all times. The high school students who are working as refs and scorers are fantastic and will make this task easy and pleasant!! Please contact Leigh Kottwitz at leighkottwitz@gmail.com to sign up. We will firm up later details as we go!

We enjoyed a delicious breakfast this morning from Brenda Austin and Bonita Lenger, all of our favorites, plus cinnamon rolls.

Our speaker this morning was Will Wright, who shared about his experience at MO Boys State, which our club provided his sponsorship for. Will is a Southern Boone senior. who plans to attend Truman State next year. His scholarship from participating in Boys State will help with this. His father, Colin Wright, who was a previous speaker representing the Southern Boone County Fire Prevention District, helped us apply for the ARPA funds which will pay for our HVAC upgrade.

The Boys and Girls State Programs were held at Lindenwood University this past June. Each participant is assigned to a city, which establishes where they will reside during the program. Each boy selects a career path while they are there. Will followed a legislative & policy school, which led him to being elected to the House of Representatives. Will stated that something he learned from Boys State is that more people need to be involved in supporting the government. Will plans to get a master's in accounting at Truman.

When Will finished answering the questions the member's had for him, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Greg Hawkins and Lena Long missed their chance at riches, but Charlie Selbach was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn.

Barrett figured the Poker Pot and after talking about how close Shawn Steelman, he, and Rich Ward came, Jan Palmer walked away after drawing three sixes which were accumulated around our weeks off.

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