



OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL

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

October 14 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

Oct 20 Bingo
Oct 31 Halloween Spooktacular
Nov 11 Veterans Day Breakfast

**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: Oct. 21-Dana Cafourek, Mike Fulca, Letitia DenHartog
Program- Alexis Higgins- MU Veterinary Medicine Student**

Our next Bingo will be on October 20th. Some of our regular helpers have already let us know that they are not available. If you are willing to help, please let Barrett or me know.

Our Spooktacular will be held on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, 5-7 p.m. Please help promote this to kids and organizations, businesses, families and individuals who would like to host a "Trunk or Treat" and pass out candy. We also need members to help provide or solicit prizes, serve as judges and welcome the community that night. [The form to host a trunk is up!](#) Flyers will also be available at Saturday's meeting.

Please contact Madeline Bloss at ashlandOptimistBasketball@gmail.com if you are interested in helping as a gym supervisor in the Middle School or Primary gyms. The more volunteers that sign up, the fewer dates that each person will have to cover, with Saturdays from November through February. Madeline will be on maternity leave as of January, so will need others to step up to help with this important youth program.

A free Veterans Breakfast will be held at our building on Nov. 11 from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Contact Missy Bonderer at 573-694-9801 or mb10mcs@yahoo.com for ways to help. She is looking for members to help with setup, cooking, and clean up, plus donations of supplies and raffle items.

Bernie Bartel and Barrett Glascock paired up when Bernie's normal team member, Jan Palmer, was at Eastern Missouri District Conference and the other team member, Donna Wobbe, was recovering from surgery.

Barrett also shared a report from Thursday's Ashland Optimist Board meeting. Bernie Bartel was approved to fill the year opening which occurred when Leigh Kottwitz became President. Because there wasn't a quorum last month, there were several items for the Board to vote on. The Board voted to cover expenses that Bern Bondere's ATV incurred while working on the ball fields, approved a donation for the Boone County 4-H Senior Council award night, approved sponsoring a Southern Boone student at the Missouri Leadership Seminar, approved a donation to the Hartsburg Legion Auxiliary to provide flags for the school buildings, and voted to sponsor the dictionary project again this year.

Our speaker this morning was Kristy Jones, the new Assistant Superintendent for Southern Boone Schools and the mother of a 21-year-old son. She graduated from Plattsburg, MO before attending Central Missouri State University. She taught science for nine years, then served as a school administrator in Leavenworth KS for fourteen years before coming back to Missouri to work in Marshall for the past two years. The years at Marshall provided many lessons on fire safety, pros vs. cons of on-line classes, rebuilding, and working with the community after a fire in the building.

Kristy has learned how essential it is to communicate with the teachers about their needs for space, facilities, and resources. She is interested in collaborating with Ranken for additional opportunities for students who are not interested in college. Kristy believes it is important to work with students individually to help them decide what works best for their future.

Kristy drew for the Attendance drawing, but none of the folks drawn were in attendance, so the pot will have a chance to grow.

Thanks to Sue Rodgers who took notes for me when I wasn't available.

Letitia DenHartog

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