



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

August 24, 2024

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

Optimist Board

Leigh Kottwitz President
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Bruce Glascock
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Robert Blake
Marsha Lessley
Tara Blue
Bernie Bartel

COMING UP

Aug 31 Breakfast meeting – Labor Day
Sep 12 Board meeting
Sep 14 Ashland Fall Fest
Sep 27 5th/6th grade basketball sign up
deadline
Sep 29 60th Anniversary!

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: Aug. 31- Leigh Kottwitz, Chris Felmlee, Loren Plank
Program- Labor Day weekend, so join us for a delicious breakfast

Please let Leigh Kottwitz know if you can help at the 2024 Ashland Fall Fest on Sept. 14th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Leigh has a sign-up sheet to make sure shifts are covered. Remember, we will not have a breakfast meeting that morning since the building is rented but we will need people to help with set-up before 9:00.

The 60th Anniversary Celebration for our club will be held at the Optimist building on Sunday, Sep. 29 starting at 5:30. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids and the meal will be catered by Andrew Little. Leigh Kottwitz is taking reservations through Sep. 14th so we can get a head count, and she has a sign-up sheet for desserts.

The next Bingo will be on Sep. 6th. I am still looking for people to help in the kitchen. Please contact me if you are interested.

Last weekend, several people (including Leigh Kottwitz, Jan Palmer, Bernie Bartel, Ken & Jeana Bishop, Barrett Glascock, Brenda Austin, Bruce Glascock, Bev Steelman, and Bonita Lenger) attended the Optimist East Missouri District Convention in Columbia. On Saturday night, Barrett Glascock was awarded "Outstanding Member of the Year" by Governor Phyllis Neff. Rick McKernan from the Downtown Club in Columbia received the Monschein award for all the work he has done with the soap box derby over the years. Jan brought our club's donations to Rainbow House (after she found their new location) and they were very appreciative.

Charlie & Margie Selbach, Ken & Jeana Bishop, Doug Smith, and Les Hahn were in our building at 1:30 on Friday, Aug. 23 to pop over 700 boxes of popcorn for the rodeo. Several other members helped in various roles Friday night, which saw attendance of 3,616 people on a night with free tickets for veterans.

This morning, Bern Bonderer and John Travlos provided breakfast without Robert Blake's help, since Robert was in charge of the beer tent until late on Friday night. Because the parade was lining up outside our building this morning, we had a quick meeting after breakfast, but no speaker.

Ken Bishop shared that his 16-year-old granddaughter, Ayla Kinney, is now World Champion on her American Saddlebred horse for a three-gaited saddle seat. She rides with High Spirits Farm in Ashland. Barrett spoke about the fact that our club has been approached by Callabyte as a possible new internet provider.

After they had finished speaking, several members at the meeting drew for the Attendance drawing. Tara Blue, Dale Wilson, and Colin Zeugin had their chances at riches, but without them in attendance, the pot will have a chance to grow again.

Saturday night saw a sold-out crowd, with 4,313 people in attendance on a cool evening. Thank you to everyone who helped this year!

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