



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

January 27 2024

"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

Feb 1 Optimist Day!

Feb 2 Bingo
Feb 3 Pancake Day Everybody cooks!
Feb 6 Bond Issue Election
Feb 8 Board Meeting
Feb 18 Social gathering BYO
Feb 23-24 Eastern Conf 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

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Breakfast: Feb. 3- PANCAKE DAY! If you haven't had a chance to sign up to help, contact Bev Steelman at bevsteel52@aol.com or call 573-489-2387. If you aren't able to help, still come for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and biscuits & gravy from 6:30-11:30. Tickets for adults are \$10, kids under 12 for \$5, and under 4 are free.

Thursday, Feb. 1st is Optimist Day! Make sure you wear your shirts!

There will be Bingo this Friday. Please let Barrett or me know if you can help.

Carole Iles, Jennifer Lawson, Dorise and Bryson Slinker provided a unique and delicious breakfast of loaded egg or fruit tacos in addition to the regular offerings.

Kyle Michel, who would have been our speaker last week, came in this morning to talk about the Wastewater election on Feb. 6th from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Optimist building. There were copies of his educational materials in last Saturday's bulletin, but you can also see presentations that were given to the Board of Aldermen, on their website: https://www.ashlandmo.us/residents/publications_and_important_documents/index.php#outer-311. If this bond issue does not pass, the improvements still need to occur since the wastewater treatment plant that opened in 2019 is at capacity. It will just cost more if the City has to finance the updates privately instead of through Revenue bonds. If you have questions, you can contact Kyle at 573-657-2091 or through the website at www.ashlandmo.us.

Our next Social will be Sun. Feb. 18th with a carry-in meal at 5:00 p.m. in our building. We look forward to lots of members (and possible new members) to be in attendance.

The 2nd Quarter Conference of the Optimist Eastern Missouri District will be held virtually on Feb. 23-24. As a service project in conjunction with this conference, clubs have held food drives with a goal of at least 100 items during the month of January. If you still have items that you didn't bring to the meeting this morning, it can be shared directly with Kellye McCord or brought to Helping Hands.

Our speaker this morning was Kellye McCord, director of Helping Hands Southern Boone. They started their first storefront location three years ago, after initially starting in Kellye's basement, thanks to support from Veterans United and recently moved into the former Ashland Pharmacy building, which provides more space. They provide clothing, emergency food, cleaning supplies, toiletries, as well as diapers and supplies. Their hours are Mon. & Tues. 2-4 p.m., Wed. & Thurs. 5:30-7:30 p.m., and every second and fourth Sat. 9-12. Anyone that has a need in our area may come in, no questions asked.

They just finished their Project Christmas, which provided 36 families (including 107 children) with toys, cleaning supplies, toiletries, and food for their Christmas dinner. They are supported by people around the community, but also receive food items from Dollar General and the produce that is leftover after the Ashland Baptist Church Food Bank Drive-Thru in conjunction with the Central MO Food Bank. Kellye has freezer and refrigeration availability for food and with the current cold weather, also places items out on the coat rack in front of the store or on her front porch for people to pick up.

Kellye said currently her biggest need is for volunteers to sort clothes, small bottles of cleaning supplies, toiletry items, as well as household supplies like kitchenware and bedding. Through our collection this month, we sent over 300 food items with her, not including the large box of items that were reserved for the local Buddy Pack program. What Helping Hands is not able to use is donated to various other local charities.

When Kellye had finished with her presentation, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Sue Rodgers was thrilled (and surprised) to say, "It pays to attend!"

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