



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

July 13, 2024

"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

July 19 Bingo
 July 20 Breakfast meeting-FBLA trip
 July 27 breakfast meeting
 July 27 [Late Night Pool Luau & Movie](#)
 Aug 2 Bingo
 Aug 3 breakfast meeting
 Aug 4 [Fall Soccer registration deadline](#)
 Aug 8 board meeting
 Aug 10 breakfast meeting
 Aug 16-18 Eastern MO convention
 Aug 23-24 Cattlemen Days Rodeo

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: July 20- Bernie Bartel, Donna Wobbe, Taylor Elliott
Program- Kathy Center, FBLA advisor with FBLA members sharing about their trip to the National Conference in Orlando

The Board met Thursday, July 11th. They signed the agreement with the schools for use of the gyms during our basketball program, approved Barrett Glascock purchasing a new flag pole to replace the one that was broken in the recent storm, approved funds for the Dictionary Project to provide dictionaries to each third grade student this fall, and approved Heather Martin to continue as Treasurer and Barrett Glascock to continue as Secretary for the 2024-25 Optimist year.

The next Eastern MO Convention will be held on Aug. 16-18 at Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia. Officer-elect training will be held on Saturday. This training is required for our elected officers if our club wants to earn points. In addition, the Governor's Choice Awards Banquet and installation of new officers will be held on Saturday evening, and a Memorial Service on Sunday. Contact Barrett if you are interested in attending.

Our next Cattlemen's Day Rodeo is the weekend of August 23-24. We will need help with the beer garden, the concession stands, and selling tickets. We plan to have sign-up lists soon.

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. Make sure you add this date to your calendar as well.

Dorise and Bryson Slinker provided an interesting menu this morning, with help from Carole Iles and Tony Ash. President Leigh Kottwitz pointed out the lift that will be used to rewire the monitors, hopefully before we host Bingo this Friday. Please let Barrett or me know if you normally help and are not available.

Our speaker this morning was Larry Barnett, an Afghanistan and Iraq veteran, who works at the Harry S Truman Memorial Veteran Hospital as their Transportation Assistant. Eligible veterans, with at least 30% service connectivity, who have appointments at their local VA facilities can receive reimbursement for their travel, either by filling out paperwork or by filing through the BTSSS (Beneficiary Travel Self Service System) portal, available through their Real ID account or their MyHealthVet login. The BTSSS portal is more efficient than paper, which can take up to four weeks. Veterans will be paid travel to the nearest VA facility that provides the services the Veterans need. Veterans can stack up to four appointments on the day they are receiving services. Transportation may be provided by private vehicles, DAV vans, Uber, or by ambulance, but must include an appointment at a specialty clinic to be covered.

If veterans are having problems filling out the paperwork or signing onto the BTSSS portal, they can call 573-814-6215 between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

After Larry finished his presentation, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Biff Barner, Jamie Metcalf, and Becky Edwards had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

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