



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

May 4 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

Now thru May 23 [Walking School Bus](#)
May 9 Board meeting
May 9? Pink Out Soccer Game; date uncertain; Bern we hope will update
May 11 Breakfast: Zoe Anderson Clark oratorical 2nd place winner
May 17 Bingo
May 18 breakfast meeting
May 24 5-7pm Pool Open House...Free!
May 25 Breakfast meeting
May 25 Noon: Pool Opens for season
May 27 Memorial Day (observed)

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: May 11- Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker Program- Zoe Anderson Clark, 2nd place Zone Oratorical contest winner

There will be an Optimist Board meeting on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. If you are a Board member, please try to be there. If you have new items for the agenda, please let Barrett Glascock know by Tuesday.

We had Bingo on Friday night, with 143 players and a skeleton crew on the floor, but we were still able to sell two horse race games in less than ten minutes and deposited over \$5,000 after paying all of our winners. Thanks to all of our regular help in the kitchen, with additional help from Loren Plank, the kitchen was able to deposit just over \$900.

Quite a crowd showed up this morning for a fabulous breakfast, made by Brenda Austin and Bonita Lenger, including Wes & Mike Donley, three month old Henry William Bloss with his parents, Madeline & William, as well as Bev Steelman, Barrett sister, Brandon Glascock, his son who brought two of his daughters, and Barrett's oldest daughter, Erica with her husband and kids, including today's speaker, Ava, winner of this year's Optimist Essay Competition.

Barrett announced that the new HVAC units are on their way according to Phil Bentlage, who will be installing them soon. We will be receiving the \$52,250 ARPA funds from the county to pay for them soon. The old units will be pulled and parted out for reuse and scrap.

Some member news: the Beals had their baby arrive four weeks early, but they are doing well. On sadder news, Will Blue's mom passed away so they will be headed to North Carolina for that service.

Our speaker this morning was Ava Canlas, was the winner of the Optimist Essay contest, speaking on the theme of Optimism: How it Connects Us. She is currently a Senior at Rock Bridge High School and Cheer Captain, with plans to attend MU next year to become a kindergarten teacher. Part of her essay talked about the fact that she feels her glass is 3/4 full because of all the support she gets from family, teachers, and friends. This allows her to share her Optimism when others need it and still remain Optimistic. She had more to say and anyone that missed it, really missed an incredible essay!

Among the answers she shared were that she got started thinking about being a kindergarten teacher while doing a mentorship program at Rock Bridge Elementary and helping with her cousins. She hopes to also study Spanish and looks forward to the Study Abroad options that MU provides so that she can work on it further. Ava commented on how great her language teachers were, one of whom shared their belief that additional languages can divide or help to connect with others.

President Leigh Kottwitz reminded us that what we do with Bingo helps to pay the scholarships that our Essay and Oratorical Contest winners will receive before Ava drew for the Attendance drawing. Donna Wobbe was thrilled to hear her number drawn and shouted, "It pays to attend!" before she used part of her winnings to pay off her Optimist t-shirt. If you ordered a shirt and weren't here this morning, they were, so contact Leigh Kottwitz to make arrangements to pick yours up.



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