



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

May 18 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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COMING UP

Now thru May 23 [Walking School Bus](#)
May 24 Girls Golf Team [fundraiser](#)
May 24 5-7pm [Pool Open House...Free!](#)
May 25 Breakfast meeting-60th anniversary planning
May 25 Noon: [Pool Opens](#) for season
May 27 Memorial Day (observed)
June 8 Soap box Derby in Columbia
June 22 Fishing Derby (note: new date)
June 26 Arcie Sapp Blood Drive

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 25- Leigh Kottwitz, Chris Felmlee, Loren Plank
Program- Planning for 60th anniversary celebration and Fall Fest

The SBC girls' golf team will have a fundraiser at Eagle Knoll Golf Club on Friday from 1:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, please go to ashlandoptimist.org under their event tab.

The Pool will also hold their annual Open House next Friday from 6-8 p.m. open to the public for free!

As usual, Bern Bonderer, Robert Blake, and John Travlos provided an incredible breakfast this morning of breakfast sandwiches on croissants with a variety of fresh fruit. Dorise Slinker brought a young friend of Reese's.

After we had a chance to eat, Barrett Glascock shared two Thank You cards from Blaine Hargis, one of our scholarship recipients who spoke last Saturday and Lauren Hammett, last year's Oratorical winner. He also shared that we had 129 players at Bingo Friday night, with Glenda Richardson calling so that Barrett could attend graduation at Rock Bridge. Our first air handler was installed Friday and provided cool, fresh air. With \$2,100 from event games, we deposited around \$5,000. The monitors shut down and we will need to look at rewiring the system, which hasn't been upgraded in ten years. With Les Hahn's pulled pork, the kitchen deposited over \$860.

President Leigh Kottwitz shared that we have completed our slate of Officers with Tara Blue accepting the Vice President position. John Dougan has moved the date for the Fishing Derby to June 22nd after complications getting Missouri Dept. of Conservation there on June 8th. The Annual Arcie Sapp Blood Drive is scheduled for June 26th from 2:00- 6:00. We will need people to provide sandwiches and cookies, plus act as greeters that day.

Bern Bonderer shared that the drag he uses for the softball fields broke, but the school got it fixed just in time for practices, which begin Sunday.

Mary Dewey, President of the Downtown Optimist club, who will also be our Lieutenant Governor of Zone One as of next year when we drop to five zones, was our speaker this morning. She shared about a program called Grouper which may pay for your Optimist dues if you are 65 or over. (Email Optimist@hellogrouper.com) to see if you are eligible. They provide this benefit to help people stay socially, mentally, and physically involved. If you have already paid your dues, they will reimburse you.

She then talked about the Soap Box Derby they will be hosting on June 9th on Broadway in Columbia. She also talked about their geocaching program that they started in 2020 with the Optimist Creed. Youth are required to find each line and take a selfie of them reading it. When they find all of the lines, they send the video to the club with a chance at winning a \$50 gift card. Ten parks around Columbia were used to hide lines. The youth learn how to read latitude and longitude on a map, plus compasses to find all of the lines. This year the club used the Bill of Rights.

Mary hopes to see many of us at the Fourth Quarter Convention, which will be held in Columbia on Aug. 15-17th. Officer training will be held Sat. Aug. 16th.

When Mary was finished with her presentation, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Peggy Wren, Will Blue, and Sue Rodgers had a chance at riches, but with their absence , the pot will continue to grow.

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