



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

September 7, 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

Sep 12 Board meeting
Sep 14 Ashland Fall Fest
Sep 20: Bingo
Sep 27 5th/6th grade basketball sign up deadline
Sep 29 Our club 60th Anniversary party!

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: Sept. 14-No Meeting: Ashland Fall Festival!!

Program- Fall Festival, contact Leigh Kottwitz if you still want to sign up

We will have an Optimist Board meeting this Thursday, Sept. 12th at 7:00 p.m. Please attend if possible, since some members will not be able to attend this month's meeting.

We had a quiet Bingo last night, with only 111 players and some missing help on the floor and in the kitchen, but we still made plenty of people happy. Our next Bingo on Sept. 20th will be our \$1,199 game.

Bernie Bartel, Donna Wobbe, and Taylor Elliott served an incredible breakfast this morning of tasty breakfast casseroles, fresh fruit, and Bernie's apple cake.

Leigh Kottwitz is taking reservations through Sep. 14th for our club's 60th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday Sept. 29th at 5:30 p.m., so we can get a final count for Andrew Little, who will be catering the meal. Adult tickets are \$10, with kid's tickets at \$5. Leigh also has a sign-up sheet for people to bring desserts.

Our speakers were Brandy Clark, Primary School Principal, and Liz Austin, Instruction Coach at the Primary building. Brandy, who used to be a lifeguard manager at the pool under Brandon Glascock, shared information about the Southern Boone Primary School, which currently has five hundred students, between 128 pre-k and special ed pre-k kids, eight Kindergarten classes of Kindergarten, eight first grade classes, and nine second grade classes. The school has been able to keep class sizes under twenty students. She believes that our school works like a three-legged stool, with one leg being students, one being staff, and the final leg being parents and community members. If any leg fails, nothing works.

Liz spoke about two programs that the school is looking for community volunteers to help with. The first is Reading Mentors, which requires 15-20 minutes with a student, one day a week. You don't have to be a reading teacher, just be willing to give time to a student, which gives the student a safe adult to connect with outside their family. Liz makes sure to pair each volunteer with a student that will benefit from the program. Thirty volunteers helped last year, but if you look at the number of students, you see that there are many others that could also benefit from this program. You can bring a book to read with them or let them read to you.

The other program is called Book Swap. This involves thousands of donated books or books provided through Scholastic which the students are allowed to choose three of, twice a month every other Thursday, or when they earn a ticket from their teacher. The Primary School needs people to set out books before the students come through, then to keep the tables full of titles as the day continues.

If you are interested in helping with either of these programs, contact Brandy at bclark@sbschools.us or call 573-657-2148. All volunteers will need to fill out a basic form and be fingerprinted, but volunteers will be reimbursed for the cost of the fingerprinting and the fingerprints are good for three years.. Other resources for questions include Vice-Principal Lucas Karr and Optimist member Bev Steelman, who is a long-time, enthusiastic supporter of the Reading Mentors program.

Once Brandy and Liz finished sharing their information and answering questions, they drew for the Attendance drawing. Ben Travlos, Nancy Nicholaus, and Bonita Lenger had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow!

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