



**December 21, 2019**

**"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**

**Board Meeting:**

**Jan. 9- 7:15 p.m.**

**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

**Merry Christmas to all!**

**Bingo: Dec. 27- Team Four**  
**Breakfast: Dec. 28- Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, and John Dougan**  
**Program- Kevin Merritt- Missouri Sheriff's Association**



**We are still accepting payment for annual dues, either on-line through this link:**  
<https://form.jotform.com/72136728772160> or contact Barrett to pay in person.

**Bern Bonderer is still looking for people or groups who wish to ring bells to collect for Salvation Army at Moser's. All the money goes to help Salvation Army with their programs. If you are interested in ringing, contact Bern at 573/632-1919 or [bern.bonderer@twehous.com](mailto:bern.bonderer@twehous.com) so he can track how many people are involved. You can also have church groups or other organizations participate.**

**All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at the Fr. Tolton Catholic High School gym, located at 3351 E. Gans Rd., Columbia, MO. Registration will begin at 12:30 PM and the competition will follow immediately.**

Bingo could have been the night from heck, between confusion about who was working and the kitchen bringing in \$666, but we were saved when Steve Long, who is a Baptist minister, and Lisa Barnum stepped in to help on a night with 139 players. John Dougan stayed around to help hand out twenty hams to lucky players, which included last week's speaker and one of her friends.

John Travlos, Bern Bonderer, and Robert Blake provided an incredible Christmas themed breakfast with wreath shaped crescent rings filled with bacon and sausage, red velvet pancakes, fresh fruit trays, and blintzes from John's wife, Jane Ann.

Missy shared a thank you card from 4H for the money we had given them for their recognition banquet. We also receive a thank you letter from Optimist International for the money we had sent in honor of Jacob Zagorac. In total, we have donated over \$111,600 to Optimist International over the years.

Ernie Wren let us know that we have donated ten of the bikes that the FFA program has rehabilitated to local families.

Normally on the last meeting before Christmas, Rev. Elmer Schiefer welcomes us to the season by singing "Stille Nacht" in German, but unfortunately this year he is in the hospital. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers!

Our speaker this morning was Dan Hanneken with In2Action, which provides support for offenders who have recently been released from prison. Dan's background started because he was shy growing up until he was discovered alcohol at fourteen, which made him more outgoing. That was followed by drug use, which led to him being in prison at age 26. He was in prison for three and half years and swore that he would never return. Unfortunately, it was less than year before Dan found himself incarcerated again and this continued for another ten years.

In 2003, Dan was diagnosed and finally treated for a brain tumor. The brain tumor made him realize that he needed to make some changes to his life. He was able to stop using drugs and alcohol, then attended college, and is now teaching at University of Missouri in Social Sciences. He also started In2Action to assist other newly released offenders. The program currently has a 5% recidivism rate. He recently started the Reentry Opportunity Center (the ROC) which coordinates legal support organizations and allows for peer support. Their plan is to have a probation officer on site in the future, so that inmates leaving jail will be brought directly to the ROC to establish contact with their probation officer and be able to acquire the support they need to stay out of the system. Dan stated that the majority of recently released offenders will stay out of prison if they receive the support they need right away. By the time he was finished speaking, breakfast was served. After we had filled our plates, Dan drew for the Attendance drawing. Sara Walsh had another opportunity at riches, as well as Kyle Baker and Cory Fischer, but now the pot will have a chance to regrow.

Also remember to alert any young people fifteen and over that might be interested in working as lifeguards next summer that applications will be available as of Feb. 1st, 2020. Certification will be required before new lifeguards can start work.

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