



December 28, 2019

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

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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
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- 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

Wishing everyone a very Happy 2020!

Bingo: Jan. 3- Team One
Breakfast: Jan. 4- Bowdens & Howards
Program- Rich Ward

Bern Bonderer is still looking for people or groups who wish to ring bells to collect for Salvation Army at Moser's through Jan. 2nd. All the money goes to help Salvation Army with their programs. If you are interested in ringing, contact Bern at 573/694-9800 or bern.bonderer@twehous.com so he can track how many people are involved. You can also have church groups or other organizations participate.

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. Email pool.soboco@gmail.com for more info.

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.

We had 135 players at Bingo on Friday night, with good help on the floor and in the kitchen.

Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, and John Dougan made a delightful breakfast this morning with quiches, sweet breads, and hash browns.

William Blue, Ernie Wren's nephew was at breakfast and assured us that after retiring from the US Army, he plans to move to Ashland and join the Optimists. We look forward to him and his family joining us.

Our speaker this morning was Kevin Merritt from the Missouri Sheriff's Association. Kevin joined the Boone County Sheriff's office in 1985 and served with them for eighteen years, most of them as a trainer. By 2005, he was ready to try something new and joined the Missouri Sheriff's Association, where he has remained for fifteen years, becoming Executive Director in 2016.

The Missouri Sheriff's Association began in 1945 to provide training and benevolent giving. They now support twelve local academies, which allow students to receive training while living at home, spending time with their families, and still working. The Association is also able to provide the twenty-four hours of continuing law enforcement education for current personnel in person or on-line for their annual requirements.

Through their benevolent giving, the Association provides support for officers that are injured or killed, as well as their families. This includes college scholarships for the children of Sheriff personnel.

The Missouri Sheriff's Association also provides lobbying for all 116 counties, the city of St. Louis, and Missouri state legislatures. According to Kevin, many of the proposed laws are more offender centered, including programs that release inmates after only serving one month for each year that they are sentenced and more people being released on their own recognizance, without requirement for bond or bail. The Association's lobbying efforts are also focused on the \$40 million the counties are behind on payments for daily offender costs. Jails are supposed to receive \$22.50/day for each offender who is incarcerated, but since many don't have the funds in their account, the county is supposed to cover the cost and the counties are trying to get these past-due amounts forgiven. The lobbying branch of the Missouri Sheriff's Association is fighting to make sure counties cover these jail contracts.

When Kevin was finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance pot. Jessica Ward, Shyla Barnett, and Glenn Sapp all had a chance at riches, but the pot will continue to grow.

The Poker winner, with some help from Lena's wild cards, with Charlie Selbach, who was thrilled to exclaim, "It pays to attend!"

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