



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

February 29, 2020

"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:

Mar. 12- 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

Bingo: Mar. 6- Team One

Breakfast: Mar. 7- Dayton Glover, Ernie Wren, and Dave Taylor

Program- Paul Hobbs, Taps and Bugles

Our inaugural Business Bonanza evening meeting is scheduled for March 28th at 6:00 p.m. All Optimist members are invited to a wonderful meal with a potato bar, pulled pork, and salad for \$5. It would be nice to have a good turn-out of Optimists. RSVPs appreciated to Jan Palmer via text/call at (573)268-5919.

We had 158 players at Bingo Friday night, which meant the floor crew really missed Norm Geary. Thanks to everyone who came together to provide food and desserts for Bingo this week while Lena is still out, especially Brenda Austin for all her work Friday. The kitchen sold out of everything and ended up bringing in over \$700 and Lena was able to stop in to visit with people before the end of the evening.

A yummy breakfast was provided this morning by Carole Iles, Kristy Savage-Clarke, and Missy Bonderer before Missy took her place at the podium as President to read thank you notes from the 4H and Jennifer Zagorac.

Barrett spoke about the 2nd Quarter Eastern District meeting which was held in Columbia that he, Janet Popejoy, Jan Palmer, Jeff Sapp, and Bryan Chapman attended last weekend. Ashland Optimists were awarded third place for points earned in our class for 4th quarter and for the entire year. We were also awarded Honor Club for last year.

Barrett also announced that we are sending Trinity Schupp to Girl's State and Max Hampton to Boy's State. Max is the grandson of Connie and Cheryl Field, who are members of our club.

We will be providing a Leadership Breakfast on Thursday, April 16th at the building and need people to volunteer to cook and clean up. Please contact Barrett or Missy if you are able to help.

Our speaker this morning was Bryan Bradford with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Tiger Camp 432. The Sons of Union Veterans group grew out of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), which was a group of men who had served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service during the Civil War. In 1881 the GAR started the Sons of Veterans to carry on the traditions and in 1925, that group became the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).

Some of the activities that SUVCW members participate in include helping youth understand the importance of good citizenship and respect for our U.S. flag. They also work to find and preserve memorials, monuments, and graves of Union veterans and work on educating students about Civil War History.

Bryan shared that there is part of Columbia Cemetery toward the back that was discovered to be filled with black Union soldiers, many of whom no longer have markers on their graves, so the SUVCW put up a monument with names to honor those soldiers.

Bryan also talked about the fact that during the Civil War, the defenders of the area where the University is now called themselves the Missouri Tigers and when the University was looking for a mascot, they chose the Tigers in honor of those defenders.

Tiger Camp 432 meets every second Saturday in Jefferson City. For more information about joining this group, go to www.suvcw.org.

Once Bryan was finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Chris Felmlee was not in attendance, but Jeff Sapp was glad to announce, "It pays to attend!" Because it was the final meeting of the month after several missed meetings, Ernie was glad to finally award the Poker Pot and Barrett Glascock was glad to accept the money, along with some good-natured ribbing about being the winner closest to the cards.

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