



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

December 18, 2021

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

Optimist Board

Jan Palmer	President
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COMING UP

Board Meeting:

January 13, 2022, 7:00 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
Joy Woods- 2021
Steve Walsh-2021

Because of the holidays, we will not have another breakfast meeting until Jan. 8th.

We are also planning on holding a Game Board night on Jan. 8th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bring your favorite board game and snacks to share as we enjoy an opportunity for fellowship in the New Year.

For his 12th year, Bern Bonderer is coordinating with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign bell ringers again this year at Moser's grocery store. If you are interested in ringing, you will need to contact Bern at bern.bonderer@twehous.com or 573/632-1919. You can ring for as much time as you like, but Bern needs to register all ringers again this year. The schedule will go through the end of the year, but we need people to sign up. I have signed up to take a turn. When is your turn?

Amidst all the preparation for the group that rented our building later today, Barrett Glascock, Jim Green, and Shawn Steelman still served up an excellent breakfast this morning, with homemade jam brought in by Jim. We were pleased to welcome two visitors, Dylan Hale and Jason Witte, in addition to our speaker this morning.

Our speaker this morning was Julia Thompson who retired from the Dept. of Agriculture, Plant Health division in 2017. That department is in charge of making sure that no plants coming into Missouri bring issues such as fungus or viral organisms. The majority of Julia's talk was about a disease called sycamore anthracnose. She chose that to talk about because the majority of us are familiar with sycamore trees. Anthracnose has a similar root to anthrax in animals, which is a bacterial disease, but anthracnose is a fungal disorder which can cause leaf loss, cankers on branches, and bald spots in the foliage in the Spring. Julia talked about the fact that all diseases require a susceptible host, a conducive environment, and a pathogen. In the case of anthracnose, the susceptible host is the sycamore tree, the pathogen is the anthracnose fungus, but the environment required is dampness on the leaves for an extended period of time, which is why the anthracnose rarely affects the crowns of the tree where the wind keeps leaves drier.

One species of sycamore, the London Plane, is similar to our American Sycamore in several ways but is resistant to anthracnose.

When Julia was finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Dennis Sapp, Bryan Chapman, and Alicia Lang had their chance at riches, but now the pot will have a chance to rebuild.

Because we haven't held breakfast meetings every Saturday in November and December, the months were combined for our Poker Pot, which President Jan Palmer won with three aces. She was glad to announce that "It pays to attend!"

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