



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

October 31, 2021

"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:**

November 11, 2021, 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

**There will not be a breakfast meeting next week because the building is rented. We will return to our regular breakfast schedule again on Nov. 13th.**

**Remember: wreath orders need to be turned in by Sunday, Nov. 7th. Orders can be placed online by visiting [ashlandoptimist.org](http://ashlandoptimist.org) to access the flier. You can also select what you want from the two local delivery options and turn in your order with payment to Lisa Barnum or Barrett Glascock by that date. Without Bingo, this is our major fundraiser for the club.**

**[Here is the new breakfast schedule for November 2021 through February 2022.](#)**

**We had a huge turn out for the Spooktacular Sunday evening! Thank you for all of the help!**

We enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Dana Cafourek, Mike Fulca, and me. The best parts were Dana's sheet pan baked pancakes with fruit and Mike's fried tomatoes.

Our speaker this morning was Kellye McCord with Helping Hands. She was instrumental in starting Helping Hands in the southern Boone County area in 2016 after realizing that many assistance programs in Columbia and Jefferson City didn't offer assistance to people in our area. In 2019, they gained their 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, and the program grew to include Thanksgiving baskets to provide complete Thanksgiving meals to people in need. Helping Hands currently provides 25 baskets for Thanksgiving. Helping Hands also started Project Warm which provides coats, gloves, and hats for people who need them in the area and Project Christmas, which provides gifts and a new outfit to kids, as well as household goods for their families in our area.

Kellye's biggest news is that because of a donation from Veterans United Foundation, Helping Hands will be opening a storefront and moving their food pantry and clothing out of Kellye's basement into the former Lillie Lavon location on Broadway. The donation will cover rent and utilities for two full years with Debbie Snyder as manager. They plan to open Nov. 30th, so watch for the ribbon cutting!

Some of the other projects that Helping Hands is currently helping with include a gift card drive to help the family of Callie Bontz, a fifteen-month-old little girl who has been in the hospital since Oct. 18th and a gun raffle to help Adam Martin pay for medical bills after the death of his wife, Kathy, who worked at Dr. Dooley's for over 24 years and passed away on Oct. 21st after her battle with cancer. If you are interested in helping with either of these projects and don't have access to Helping Hands on Facebook, please contact me for more information.

After Kellye was finished with the many questions that people asked, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Kip Bayte, Sara Walsh, and Charles Nicholaus had their chance at riches, but now the pot will have a chance to grow some more. Because this was the final Saturday of the month, Barrett figured the poker hand, and even though there were several people with pairs, Bernie Bartel beat them all and immediately returned her winnings back into the scholarship fund.

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