



August 6, 2022

"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: August 11

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
- Kristi Savage Clarke 2022

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Next week:

Breakfast: August 13- Glenn Sapp, Leigh Kottwitz, and Chris Felmlee
Program- Michelle Gleba- Better Business Bureau

Our regular Optimist Board meeting will be held at the building on Thursday, Aug. 11, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker, and Jennifer Lawson provided an incredible breakfast this morning, including Jennifer's delicious cinnamon rolls. Barrett asked me to remind breakfast teams that if they will let him know what ingredients they need to make breakfast, he will make sure it is in the building before Saturday morning.

Secretary Barrett Glascock reported information from Optimist International that so far this year, our club has donated \$100 in unrestricted funds and over \$9,800 in restricted funds with the reinvestment of the interest we have received. Our overall total contributions are now over \$140,000.

President Jan Palmer shared that our club is the winner of the Inaugural Governor's Choice Award, which will be presented at the Eastern District 4th Quarter Convention on Aug. 26-28 in St. Louis. If you are interested in attending, please contact either Jan or Barrett soon, since Early Bird registration closes on Aug. 10th.

Ernie Wren, who will be Eastern Missouri Governor in October, shared that the Eastern District Conference in October will be held in Columbia. Hopefully more members will be able to attend! He also shared that next year's Fourth Quarter Convention will not be held on Rodeo weekend.

Our speaker this morning was Nichole Slusser with Central Missouri Honor Flight. She spoke about the fact that she was in a motorcycle accident nine years ago, which required the reattachment of her hand. The fact that she survived the accident made her realize that there was a purpose to her life. As the daughter of a Marine veteran, she started singing at Veteran's events and at the VA Hospital. She sings much more than the National Anthem and started our morning with a beautiful rendition of "God Bless the USA".

Central Missouri Honor Flight started in 2009 and provided multiple flights every year after that until Covid made it too perilous in 2020. CMHF restarted flights in May of this year and the third flight this year will set out early in the morning Aug. 11th. Each flight carries over one hundred hero veterans, as well as Guardians to help them. These heroes are from World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars, as well as any veteran who is fighting a terminal condition. Flights are free for the veterans and the funding for CMHF is from donations, with all donations going for the flights, pre-flight events for the veterans, and the Welcome Home celebrations that are held two weeks after the flight. There are no paid staff, everyone is a volunteer.

Nichole shared stories of veterans that she has had the privilege of working with and how blessed she feels to be a part of this incredible group. She said that she felt Honor Flight is replacing bad memories with positive ones. If you know a veteran that is interested in being involved, or if you are interested in volunteering or donating, their website is missourihonorflight.com.

When Nichole was finished with her heart-warming presentation, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Chad Robinson, Jessica Ward, and Eric Barmann missed much more than the incredible breakfast, but the pot will continue to grow.

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