



May 7 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: May 12

**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: May 14- Bernie Bartel and Jan Palmer

Program- Respect For Law

Dates for your calendar:

- Respect for Law program- May 14
- Trivia for VA Fisher House- May 21 6:00 p.m. at the Columbia Knights of Columbus Hall (free food from Fuzzy Taco)
- Jane Flink Memorial- May 22nd 12:00 p.m.
- Corn Hole & BBQ (Optimist clubs from Zones 1, 2, & 3)- May 28
- Corn Hole fundraiser for Terri Nichols- June 4 at our building 10 a.m.
- Blood Drive- June 29th 2:00-6:00 Ashland Optimist Building
- Cattleman Day's Rodeo- August 26-27

The Ashland Optimist Board meeting will be held at the building on Thursday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Missy Bonderer is glad to announce that the pool has received a freezer! Thanks go to President Jan Palmer and her brother.

We enjoyed a delicious breakfast this morning from Chris Felmlee, Leigh Kottwitz, and Glen Sapp, with help from Garrett Felmlee.

Barrett Glascock let us know good news and bad news. The good news is that our contestant from the local Oratorical Contest took second place in the World Championship Contest last weekend in St. Louis. Look forward to him presenting his speech on "Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times" at a future meeting.

The bad news is that during a storm last week, the cooler in the back and the freezer in the Boy Scout area were damaged, possibly by lightning, so we will need to replace them.

Rev. Elmer Schiefer spoke this morning about Mother's Day, which many people will be celebrating tomorrow. At Family of Christ Lutheran Church, they celebrate Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday in conjunction, since frequently our mothers are our first shepherd. Elmer went through the 23rd Psalm, connecting the verses to mothers and to God, who is our ultimate "Good Shepherd".

Karen Ryals was our main speaker this morning. She and her husband, Rick, have been foster parents for twenty-one years, hosting forty-six kids over the years. There are currently 13,000 foster kids in Missouri at this time. When Karen and Rick realized that some of their fosters would age out of the foster program at 21, even those that have an intellectual or mental health issue where they were unable to live on their own, they were happy to connect with Restoring Hope and the coordinator for the Central Missouri Region, Mackenzie Howard. Restoring Hope is an agency which finds host homes for persons with developmental disabilities. The funding comes through the Missouri Department of Mental Health. Mackenzie said that, if you are interested in being involved, you can start by doing as little as providing weekend respite care. For more information, their website is werestorehope.com.

When the ladies were finished speaking, Mackenzie drew for the Attendance drawing and even though Chris Felmlee needed to leave early, his number was drawn and Barrett promised to bring him his winnings.

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