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

Optimist Board

Jan Palmer	President
Lisa Barnum	VP
Dana Cafourek	VP
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Bruce Glascock	2021
Bernie Bartel	2021
Ken Bishop	2021
Shawn Steelman	2022
Robert Blake	2022
John Dougan	2022

COMING UP

Board Meeting: June 9

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: June 4- Bern Bonderer, Robert Blake, and John Travelos
Program- NOW (New Optimists Welcome) with Eastern District Governor Lauren Dell, Eastern District Governor Elect Ernie Wren, and Ashland Club Secretary Barrett Glascock

- June 4 NOW (New Optimists Welcome) breakfast meeting at our building-
- June 4 Corn Hole fundraiser for Terri Nichols at our building 10 a.m.
- June 29 Blood Drive- 2:00-6:00 Ashland Optimist Building

We are still in need of a chest freezer to replace the one that the Scouts use, which was destroyed by a lightning strike. If someone has a freezer they are willing to share, please let President Jan Palmer or Barrett Glascock know.

President Jan Palmer called the meeting to order with Charlie Selbach leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Rev. Elmer Schiefer providing a Memorial weekend prayer, followed by John Travelos introduced our speaker, Grant Pierce, who had brought family and friends to hear him share his Oratorical speech and leading them to enjoy a traditional and tasty breakfast provided by Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman.

John explained that the Optimist Oratorical Contest is one of the oldest continual oratorical competitions in the United States, starting in 1928, and is one of the most popular Optimist International programs. The contest starts at the Club level, advancing two winners to the Zone level, followed by the District level, where the winner receives a \$25,000 scholarship. The top two from District continue to Regionals, with a chance at a \$50,000 scholarship. The winners at Regionals continue to the World Competition, which is held in St. Louis during the third quarter meeting.

The theme this year was "Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times". Grant spoke about the four steps he uses to remain optimistic in the face of multiple challenges. He said you have to stop, reset your focus, remember when you have got through tough times successfully in the past, and restart. He obviously did a much better job of presenting his thoughts than I have, but I wanted to give a synopsis for those who weren't able to be there.

After Grant finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Joe Miller had a chance at riches, but Mark Wanserski was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn. Since this was the last meeting of the month, the poker hands were figured, with Ken Bishop winning with two pairs.

We will be voting for the following slate of officers during the Breakfast Meeting on June 11:

- President: Dana Cafourek,
- Vice President: Lisa Barnum,
- Past President: Jan Palmer
- Board positions: Bruce Glascock, Bernie Bartel, Ken Bishop renewing their positions, plus Leigh Kottwitz to replace John Dougan.

If you look at the bottom of the bulletin, you will see a link to the new Breakfast Team Schedule through the first Saturday of October

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