



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

December 23 2023

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

Optimist Board

Leigh Kottwitz President
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COMING UP

Red Kettle Campaign thru Dec 31
Dec 30 Breakfast: Sherry Eisenhart
Jan 5 Bingo
Jan 6 Breakfast meeting
Jan 6 kids b-ball resumes
Jan 11 Board Meeting
Feb 3 Pancake Day Everybody cooks!
Feb 18 Social gathering BYO
Feb 23-24 Eastern Conf meeting

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

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Breakfast: Dec. 30- Bernie Bartel, Donna Wobbe, and Taylor Elliott
Program- Sherry Eisenhart, world travels

Optimist dues are \$90 for individuals or \$135 for couples that are both members. You can pay at:

<https://form.jotform.com/72136728772160>,
or bring a check to Barrett, or mail your check to Ashland Optimists, PO Box 201, Ashland, MO 65010.

One more week to participate in the Red Kettle Campaign this year at Moser's! Please contact Bern at: bern.bonderer@twehous.com or call 573-632-1919 to get involved. You may ring for 10 minutes or 10 hours! There is no set schedule, but Bern has to report all ringers and times to the Salvation Army so please do NOT just go over there and ring. Please get friends, church groups, or just consider ringing by yourself sometime this week.

The elementary basketball games will restart each Saturday January 6th-Feb. 17th, with games at the Primary and Middle schools. Please contact Leigh Kottwitz to sign up at leighkottwitz@gmail.com if you are interested in helping. There will be two games at each school every Saturday and you can sign up for all day or just one game, but we need an adult available the entire time.

Our next Bingo will be on Friday Jan. 5th.

Feb. 3rd will be our annual Pancake Day, from 6:30-11:30. Bev Steelman will be coordinating and will need plenty of help.

Our next Social will be Sun. Feb. 18th with a carry-in meal at 5:00 in our building. We look forward to lots of members (and possible new members) to be in attendance.

The 2nd Quarter Conference of the Optimist Eastern Missouri District Conference will be held virtually on Feb. 23-24. As the service project for the conference, clubs will hold food drives with a goal of at least 100 items during the month of Jan. The food we collect will go to Helping Hands and possibly our local Buddy Pack program.

Dana Cafourek, Mike Fulca, and I served a filling breakfast this morning, highlighted by the stollen that Mike provided. Barrett shared that he installed new seats in all of the toilet stalls. What a comfort as we go into a New Year!

Instead of a program this morning, Leigh Kottwitz brought a saran wrap ball filled with prizes and questions. I think everyone in attendance had a fun time and learned information about each other. After the last item had been uncovered, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Nancy Nicholaus, Joe Miller, and Madelyn Bloss all had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

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Merry Christmas!