



**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

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

June 3 2023

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

**Optimist Board**

Dana Cafourek	President
Lisa Barnum	VP
Jan Palmer	Past Pres.
Barrett Glascock	Secretary
Heather Martin	Treasurer
Bruce Glascock	
Bernie Bartel	
Ken Bishop	
Shawn Steelman	
Robert Blake	
Leigh Kottwitz	

**COMING UP**

The Pool is open for the season!  
June 10 - Breakfast – Melissa Schulte  
June 16 - Bingo  
June 17 Board Elections  
June 17 - 54 Country Dance Club  
June 24 - Fishing Derby

**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  
Johnny Pauley 2023

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**Breakfast: June 10- Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, John Dougan**  
**Speaker- Melissa Schulte- Aging Best**

**We will be holding elections for Board positions on June 17th. The current slate of officers includes-**

**President: Leigh Kottwitz**  
**Vice President: Ken Bishop**  
**Past President: Dana Cafourek**  
**Board members for 2025:**  
**Bruce Glascock**  
**Tara Blue**

**Open Seat- please let Dana know if you are interested on being on our Board of Directors**

We had Bingo on Friday, June 2nd, with 105 players, but excellent help on the floor and in the kitchen. Even with the low number, we were able to deposit over \$3,300 from Bingo and \$766 from the kitchen.

**Our next Bingo will be June 16th and will include a \$1,199 game, so we are hoping for more players and will need plenty of workers.**

**We will be sponsoring the Fishing Derby on June 24th, after breakfast, with John Dougan heading up this popular program.**

**Today was long-time member Wes Donley's 90th birthday and we were thrilled to have him and his son, Mike, in attendance.**

54 Country dance club will be renting our building on June 17th while they continue to work on a permanent location. Mark your calendar and get ready to dance!

After breakfast, provided by Barrett Glascock and Shawn Steelman, Barrett started the meeting by explaining why the Poker Pot wasn't awarded last week (some kind of snafu or divine intervision) and then awarding the May pot to Charlie Selbach, who said, "It pays to keep attending!"

Dana Cafourek shared a thank you note from Lindie Pauley, one of our scholarship winners and Chad & Brenda Robinson's granddaughter. She will be using the scholarship to attend the nursing program at Moberly Area Community College.

Our speaker this morning was Charlie Lewis, who won our Oratorical competition, as well as the District competition. John Travlos introduced him by sharing the incredible schedule Charlie was under for this competition. FFA State Competitions were the day before Charlie had to compete locally, then Madeline Bloss brought him to the District competition, which was the same day as his high school baccalaureate. Charlie just graduated from Southern Boone Schools but was vice-president for their FFA program for two years before graduating, plus a year as FFA Area 4 Secretary. He plans to study Environmental Sciences at Mizzou in the fall.

Charlie shared his winning oratory titled: Discovering the Optimism in Me, followed by Jan Palmer sharing the pleasure she experienced being his guide during the District competition. If you weren't at the breakfast meeting this morning, you missed out on a fine speech! He will advance to Regional and World competitions at St. Louis University on July 21-22 for a chance at additional scholarships during the 3rd Quarter Optimist Convention. Barrett also talked about the fact that FFA is the largest extracurricular organization at Southern Boone, with Rebekah Hammett as the sponsor.

After Charlie finished speaking, he drew for the Attendance pot. Amy Knight, Cory Fischer, and Bill Lloyd had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

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