



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

June 24 2023

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

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COMING UP

The Pool is open for the season!
June 28 Arcie Sapp blood Drive
July 1 Bern-John-Robert breakfast!
July 1-5 Optimist Int'l Convention
July 4 Freedom Swim Day at the Pool
July 7 Bingo

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: July 1- Bern Bonderer, John Travlos, Robert Blake
Speaker- Come for a unique breakfast and stay for a fascinating speaker

Our next Bingo will be July 7th.

The 18th Annual Arcie Sapp Blood Drive is scheduled in our building on June 28th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. We need donations of cookies, plus a few people to greet people who come to donate. You can access registration on our Facebook page.

Glen Sapp and Chris Felmlee provided a delicious breakfast this morning, to the point that President Dana renamed their team Savory & Sweet. Larry Joe Pauley attended this morning and will be a future speaker for our breakfast meeting.

Barrett shared that we now have panic bar locks on the front doors and the door by the kitchen which are much easier to use. Contact Barrett or me for a demonstration.

Dana read a thank you card from Olivia Dalton, long-time member Mike Dalton's granddaughter, for the scholarship that she received. She hopes to use the scholarship to finish college without student loan debt.

Our speaker this morning was Sarah (Diederich) Barnett. She and her husband Luke are involved in a missionary training program through Ethnos360 (formerly New Tribes Mission). They finished the first unit in Waukesha, Wisconsin in 2022 and will continue their training in Roach, MO later this year. They have three children.

Today Sarah was talking about her business, International Blessings (www.internationalblessings.com), which works to bring long-term, sustainable assistance to people in fifteen of the poorest countries in the World. Sarah talked about the fact that our usual model of charity is not sustainable and can lead to reliance on charity instead of creating jobs where people can support themselves. She originally noticed the problem when she was in Burkina Faso in 2007. It is one of the poorest countries in the World and the family she was staying with told her that they had to sell one of their children so they could care for the rest of the family. They taught her to make bags, but they had no market for the bags, so no income.

Sarah found other groups, such as Threads of Hope in the Philippines, Minga in Ecuador and Peru, Papillon in Haiti, Project Have Hope in Uganda, Matr Boomie in India, and Zambeezi, which makes a natural lip balm in Zambia that were trying to offer fair trade, ethically sourced products. In 2013, Sarah started International Blessings as an on-line market for these products.

If you weren't at the meeting this morning to see her extensive inventory, my opinion is that it is worth going to her website (listed above) to find remarkable products at reasonable prices.

When Sarah was finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Skip Wills and Peggy Wren had their chance at riches, but Chris Felmlee was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn.

Since this was our final Saturday of the month, Barrett figured the Poker Pot. Madeline Bloss and Rich Ward came close with two pairs, but Jan Palmer took the pot with three twos.

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