



**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

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

May 20 2023

"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**

Thru May 26 Walking School Bus  
May 26 Pool Open House  
May 27 Pool opens for season

**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  
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**Breakfast: May 27- Dana Cafourek, Letitia Denhartog, Mike Fulca  
Program- Andy Braams- Missouri Baptist Home**

President Dana Cafourek called the meeting to order. Elmer Schiefer provided the invocation. Tara Blue introduced her two guests: Tonya Wren and Felicia Diehl, who submitted their applications for membership today.

A delicious breakfast was provided by Jan Palmer and Bernie Bartel (Donna Wobbe was visiting family out of state). Breakfast included casserole, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls, fruit, and leftover dessert from Bingo!

Dana reconvened the meeting at 8:05. A thank you card was read from Emily Sappington, great granddaughter of Bob Sappington, in appreciation of the scholarship the club provided her.

Bingo report: There were 104 players last night; smallest attendance in some time but we were still able to make a deposit, including \$727 from the kitchen. The next Bingo nights are June 2 and 16.

Dana introduced Ernie Wren to give today's program. As Eastern District governor, he has two goals: 1. Get District finances in order. 2. Work on increasing membership. There are many clubs who are struggling; the district is down 32 members from last year.

Ernie shared that he was recruited by Mike Dalton and also told how he recruited Dave Taylor and me to the club. Some members are able to be involved frequently, while others help once per year, and they are all welcome. Rich Ward his goal was to invite someone once per week to join the club and it works. You are doing the other person a favor by inviting them to membership. Robert Blake requested Ernie to pay a fine for not wearing his name tag.

Dana asked members to share how long they had been members; answers ranged from a few weeks to 56 years!

Tara Blue asked if we had considered a fair; our club participates in the fall festival and certainly the rodeo! Dana said the rodeo was one of her favorite activities. Speaking of the rodeo, Bruce Glascock announced the Rodeo dates for this year will be August 25-26. There is a new roping chute, and the committee is discussing changes to advanced ticket sales and limiting gate ticket sales to help accommodate the crowds since there is no room to add seating or parking.

Attendance prizes were drawn by Loren Plank's son, but Norm Geary, Ernie Stewart, and Sara Walsh weren't in attendance so the pot will grow!!

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