



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

November 18, 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

Red Kettle Campaign thru Dec 31
Nov 25 Breakfast Meeting- Will Wright
Dec 1 Bingo
Dec 2 Boy Scouts craft fair
Dec 14 Board 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
Steve Walsh-2021
Kristi Savage Clarke 2022
Johnny Pauley 2023

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Breakfast: Nov. 25- Brenda Austin, Bonita Lenger, John Dougan
Program- Will Wright, Boy's State participant

Optimist dues are \$90 for individuals or \$135 for couples that are both members. You can pay through: <https://form.jotform.com/72136728772160> or mail your check to

Ashland Optimists, PO Box 201, Ashland, MO 65010.

Bern Bonderer is coordinating the Red Kettle Campaign for the Ashland location again this year, starting Nov. 22. This is his 14th year! Everything will be the same as in the past. Bell ringing will take place at Moser's. If you would like to ring, please contact him at bern.bonderer@twehous.com to get more details. You may ring for 10 minutes or 10 hours! There is no set schedule, but he has to report all ringers and times to the Salvation Army so please do NOT just go over there and ring.

The elementary basketball season got off to a great start Saturday with a series of 5th grade boys basketball games at the middle school. Thank you to Madeline Bloss for her amazing work on this, to Heather Martin for organizing the referees and scorers and to Wil & Tara Blue for their time to be oriented to our responsibilities. Basketball will continue through the end of February, and after the first of the year we will have games at two locations so we need your help! As Barrett suggested, we can divide up the days in 3-4 hour shifts to make this more manageable. We should have an adult there at all times. The high school students who are working as refs and scorers are fantastic and will make this task easy and pleasant!! Please contact Leigh Kottwitz at leighkottwitz@gmail.com to sign up. We will firm up the details as we go!

A correction regarding the Spooktacular: there were 469 kids and 20 tables for individuals or groups handing out candy. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success again this year!

The Evening Social at Jose' Jalapenos had thirty-one people, including several people who were interested in possibly joining the Ashland Optimist Club. We hope to do another evening social in February, possibly as a carry-in dinner.

The Veteran's Breakfast on Nov. 11th allowed us to feed 150 veterans and their families. Thank you to Missy Bonderer for coordinating this event and to everyone who helped out that morning!

The Ashland Optimist Board met on Thursday, Nov. 9th. They voted to allow the Saddle Club to put a booster on our wi-fi so that they can install cameras on their buildings to help with their security. The Board discussed Madeline Bloss' need for assistance for Youth Basketball, discussed the upcoming Veteran's Breakfast on Nov. 11th, and Shawn Steelman was kind enough to volunteer his mother, Bev Steelman to head up Pancake Day on Feb. 3rd. 2024.

The Board also approved the purchase of a floor scrubber to help our cleaning folks, approved upgrades including new toilets in the bathrooms and blinds for the Board room, approved a donation to the Hartsburg Legion Auxiliaries for flags at the Southern Boone School buildings, and approved Jori Sullivan as a new member.

On Nov. 17th, our club provided Bingo, with 157 players. We had good help on the floor, selling two horse races and six other event games, which allowed us to make a \$4,700 deposit, even after paying out \$1,199 for the top game. The kitchen had an excellent crew as well, with a deposit of over \$1,000.

We had two guests this morning: Taylor Elliott, who has helped with the Veteran's Breakfast for the past three years and has turned in a membership application, and Jori Sullivan, who just became a member and was our speaker this morning.

Bruce Glascock thanked everyone who helped at this year's rodeo before he provided financial statements from this year's rodeo, along with a check for \$31,246.

After President Leigh Kottwitz introduced Jori, she left to help cover for the first morning of our Youth Basketball program (see information above). Jori moved here from Oregon a year ago to work with Von Prost of Jefferson City on his Prost Foundation. There are three parts that they are working on.

Part 1: The Way to Happiness- a common sense guide to better living (www.thewaytohappinessint.org) with guidance from a moral code.
Part 2: The Truth About Drugs (drugfreeworld.org)
Part 3: The Story of Human Rights (humanrights.com)
They are also working on providing information about sex trafficking and commercial exploitation related to the internet.

The foundation provides free kits to help educate about each of these areas at their address: 1009 Madison St. Jefferson City, MO 65101.

After Jori had finished speaking, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Becky Edwards, Greg Hawkins, and Jessica Robinette all had their chance at riches, but since they missed the meeting, the pot will have a chance to grow.

Elmer Schiefer closed the meeting with a prayer for Rich Ward and his family with the death of his wife, Jan, yesterday. Our thoughts remain with you at this difficult time!

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