



OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL

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

September 2 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
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Barrett Glascock	Secretary
Heather Martin	Treasurer
Bruce Glascock	
Bernie Bartel	
Ken Bishop	
Shawn Steelman	
Robert Blake	
Leigh Kottwitz	

COMING UP

Sep 9 Fall Festival
Sep 9 Sadie Strong Poker Run
Sep 14 Board meeting
Sep 15 Bingo
Sep 19 Nat'l Voter Registration Day
Sep 30 Installation of new officers

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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I hope you all enjoy a Happy (and safe) Labor Day Weekend!

**Breakfast: Sept. 9- Barrett Glascock, Shawn Steelman
Speaker- Beverly Hagenhoff- Quilts of Valor**

We will have a booth at the Ashland Fall Fest next weekend! We have booth site # 27. We will need people there by 8:30 to help set up the shelter and decorate, followed by people to staff the booth from 9:00 on, with our greatest need currently from 11-1. Please take some time to enjoy the Ashland Fall Fest at the park and join us to share your Optimism. The forecast looks fabulous!

Our installation of Officers is scheduled for Sep. 30th during the breakfast meeting. Please come support your new officers. Governor Ernie Wren will be leading this as his final duty as Governor.

**Incoming president, Leigh Kottwitz, would like to learn more about the Ashland Optimist Club members and is asking that you fill out the following survey. It's only ten questions: <https://forms.gle/mwblYSFJCFbDyuhq9>
We will also have paper copies at the upcoming meetings, if you would prefer to handle it that way.**

We had Bingo on Sep. 1st, with 153 players, \$4,450 deposited from the floor, and over \$1,000 deposited from the kitchen. When a player won the Progressive game within the first twenty numbers, she won an extra payout. Fortunately, we had enough money earned off horse races and pull tabs to cover the difference. The biggest difference for our club is that we will not be offering an \$1,199 game next Bingo on Sep. 15th.

After building a new home and moving, President Dana Cafourek was back this morning, but because of the holiday weekend, we had no speaker. Barrett Glascock shared that the Ashland Optimist club received a \$100 donation, but he is still working on additional details on why it was sent to us. He also shared a thank you note from Max and Sam Hampton, Connie and Cheryl's grandsons, for their continuing college scholarships from our club.

Barrett also talked about the Ladies Charitable Riding Group, who are renting our building next Saturday for an all vehicle Poker Run, silent auction, and dinner to raise money for Sadie Robinett and her family as she continues to fight leukemia for a third time. If possible, on this busy day, go out and make a contribution to help. Jessica Robinett, Sadie's mom, is a fellow Ashland Optimist.

Ernie Wren shared information about the International Optimist club that we sponsored in Kathmandu, Nepal. This will be the 50th club in Nepal and the fourth in the capital city of Kathmandu. Our Ashland Optimist club paid the sponsor fee of \$225 to get them started. There are 28 countries, outside the United States, which have Optimist International clubs.

After Ernie finished his presentation about the new Kathmandu club, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Mike Fulca and Jamie Metcalf had their chance at riches, but Ken Bishop was thrilled to announce, "It pays to Attend!" when his number was drawn. The poker pot will continue through the end of this month.

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