



**OPTIMIST**  
INTERNATIONAL

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

September 23 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

Sep 30 Installation of new officers  
 Oct 6 Bingo  
 Oct 12 Board meeting  
 Oct 13-14 East Dist conference  
 Oct 31 Halloween Spooktacular  
 Nov 11 Veterans Day Breakfast

### 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

### Ashland Optimist Bulletin September 23, 2023

**Breakfast: Sept. 30- Carole Iles, Jennifer Lawson, and Dorise Slinker Program- 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 one of his final duties as Eastern Missouri District 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> Please fill it out, if you haven't had a chance to yet. Leigh also has a goal for the coming year of every member serving in some way -- large or small! **Share how you would like to serve.** Thank you to our many members who are generous with their time and effort. There will also be paper copies of both of these surveys at the upcoming meetings, if you would prefer to handle it that way.**

**The first Eastern Missouri District Conference of the year will be held in Columbia at Courtyard by Marriott on Fri., Oct. 13th and Sat. Oct. 14th. You do not have to be an officer or on the Board to attend, but you do need to register through Barrett soon if you are interested in joining this kick-off themed time to spend with fellow Optimists.**

**Our next big event will be Spooktacular on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, 5-7 p.m. Please help promote this to kids and organizations, businesses, families and individuals who would like to host a "Trunk or Treat" and pass out candy. We also need members to help provide or solicit prizes, serve as judges and welcome the community that night. **The form to host a trunk is up!** Flyers will also be available at Saturday's meeting.**

**Our next Bingo will be on October 6th. If you normally help on that team and won't be available, please let Barrett or me know.**

**We will be hosting a Veteran's Breakfast on Nov. 11th, spearheaded by Missy Bonderer, so won't have our regular breakfast meeting. Missy would appreciate having cooks that morning and would like some help soliciting items to give to the veterans.**

**Because of several changes to the breakfast schedule because of building rentals, there is a new breakfast schedule at the bottom of this bulletin.**

After a delightful breakfast this morning, provided by Chris Felmlee and Leigh Kottwitz, our speaker this morning was Interim Police Chief, Scott Young. Scott grew up in Columbia and, after graduation, worked as a Columbia Police officer for 20 years before retiring in 2017 and taking on the part-time position as SWAT trainer and driver. When Chief Gabe Edwards was placed on administrative leave, Ashland City Administrator Kyle Michel contacted Columbia Police Chief, Geoff Jones for a recommendation for an Interim Chief and Scott graciously stepped into the role of Interim on July 27th to fill in as part of a mutual aid agreement. Scott made it clear that Chief Edwards is still Chief of the Ashland Police at this time while he is being investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Scott talked about the biggest difference between the Columbia Police and the Ashland Police is that Colombia has more full-time staff, covering distinct areas while Ashland Police need to be capable of covering more diverse roles in their work, since Ashland currently only has seven officers, four of whom work part-time.

Scott also talked about body cameras. They have helped lower the number of complaints because it's hard to tell a story that the recording may not corroborate. They are excellent at helping get rid of officers that act out, can provide proof in domestic abuse cases, and help to justify the necessary force that can occur with arrests. the downside of body cameras involves the cost. Adding one additional camera and taser for an officer can cost \$16,000.

Scott has said frequently that if you have questions or complaints about the Ashland Police, please contact him through the City Website: [ashlandmo.us](http://ashlandmo.us) through the Police Department link or at [syoung@ashlandmo.us](mailto:syoung@ashlandmo.us). If you want to compliment an Ashland Police officer, contact Kyle Michel at 573-657-2091 or [kmichel@ashlandmo.us](mailto:kmichel@ashlandmo.us).

As a school board member, Chris Felmlee complimented Scott at being visible at many school functions and Scott talked about the fact that the schools have worked very well with the Ashland Police, even providing them with fobs that they can use to enter any of the school buildings without needing access through the office personnel.

When Scott was finished with his information, he drew for the Attendance drawing. Chad Robinson had his chance at riches, but Bruce Glascock was thrilled to say, "It pays to attend!" when his number was drawn.

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