



Optimist Board

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COMING UP

Apr 2 Election Day
Apr 11 5pm Boone County Housing
input meeting
Apr 11 7pm Board meeting
Apr 13 Breakfast Steve Pankey,
Ranken Tech
Apr 19 Bingo
May 6 Pink Out Soccer Game

**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: Apr. 13- Bernie Bartel, Donna Wobbe, and Taylor Elliott
Program- Steve Pankey- Ranken Tech

There will be an Optimist Board meeting Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. If you have any additions to the agenda, please contact Barrett by Tuesday, Apr. 9th. If you are on the Board, please try to show up.

We had Bingo on Friday night, with 160 players, a good crew in the kitchen, where we deposited \$1,055, but we were a bit light on the floor. We were still able to deposit \$6,200, which was \$3,700 over what we drew out originally, and had many new faces playing.

Bern Bonderer and John Travlos provided their usual incredible breakfast this morning for everyone who came, plus Steve Sapp and Tony Ash, who had recently turned in their membership invitations, and Reese Slinker, who came with Brenda Ravenscraft when his dad wasn't available.

Barrett Glascock shared that we will participate in the sampling for chronic wasting disease in deer with the Missouri Dept. of Conservation on Nov. 11-12 out in our parking lot.

He also shared that Moser's sent a \$1,000 check from their Gold Tournament to our Foundation again this year. Optimist International sent us an interest check for \$17,380 for the money we have in their Foundation, which means we're earning around 13% on our funds with them.

John Travlos also shared about the Club level competition for the Optimist Oratorical contest on Sunday.

Bern Bonderer shared that the annual Pink Out Soccer Game against Cancer will be Mon. May 6th. Contact him to purchase a Pink Out shirt, which includes free admission to the game. All money raised will go to the family of Sadie Robinett, who lost her long fight with leukemia in January.

If the Optimist building looks busy when you arrive for the Board meeting, it will be because of the Boone County Housing Input meeting that is being held in our building from 5:30-7:30.

Our speakers this morning were Jennifer Zagorac and Linda Knierim who lead the Ashland Optimist Pool Committee. They were thrilled to report that we had twenty-one applicants for lifeguard positions this year. The hired ten, who are currently going through training to join the three managers and two lifeguards returning from last year. The Pool Committee begins in January and will continue working through September. They started cleaning the pool, with a lot of help from Linda's friend, Chris, three weeks ago. The Pool will open on May 25th with an Open House from 6-8, then regular hours of noon-six starting Fri. May 25th. The Pool will be open seven days a week.

Linda is in charge of concessions and stated that she made twenty-one trips to Sam's during the twelve weeks that the pool was open last year, in addition to the food they get delivered. Linda said that their biggest days are when the middle school Summer School classes come to swim on Thursdays. Every year, ten to fifteen towels get left at the pool, along with various other items. Linda makes sure these stay washed each week to be available for the lifeguards.

Jennifer Zagorac talked about how helpful Dave Taylor and Kyle Baker have been getting information out and setting up the online payment program for season passes, swimming lessons, and pool parties. Because our contract with the City of Ashland had ended, we had to renegotiate it for another three years. They provide \$6,000 toward water expenses and upkeep. This year, part of that money will go toward a feeder/balancer to keep the chemicals controlled and a robotic vacuum to help keep the water clean.

The Pool provides four levels of swimming classes, starting with Water Babies for children under four with a parent, then three levels for children over four. People can also arrange for private lessons, with the money going directly to the instructor. Pool parties can be arranged for 1.5 hours, with evening parties from 9-10:30 this year. for more information and to sign up, go to ashlandoptimist.org.

When asked what we could do to help, the ladies requested 1" or wider paintbrushes, paint roller supplies, trash bags (13- and 30- gallon sizes), and cleaning supplies.

After they finished answering the many questions, they drew for the Attendance drawing. Will Blue, Cindy Gunter, and Jerome Glascock all had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

[Optimist Breakfast schedule](#)

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