



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

January 6 2024

"You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do."

### Optimist Board

Leigh Kottwitz President  
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### COMING UP

Jan 11 Board Meeting  
Jan 13 Breakfast meeting  
Jan 19 Bingo  
Jan 20 Breakfast meeting  
Jan 27 Breakfast meeting  
Feb 3 Pancake Day Everybody cooks!  
Feb 18 Social gathering BYO  
Feb 23-24 Eastern Conf 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

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**Breakfast: Jan. 13- Barrett Glascock, Shawn Steelman**  
**Program- TBD**

**There will be an Optimist Board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11th at 7:00. If you have anything to add to the agenda, please contact Barrett by Tue. Jan. 9th.**

Jan Palmer asked me to let you know that the Sunrise Optimist Club will be holding their Wild Game Dinner on Monday, Jan. 8th beginning at 6:00 for happy hour and dinner at 7:00. This will be at their Sunrise Building on Parker St. in Columbia and the cost will be \$15.

If you are interested in ordering a new Optimist t-shirt, please contact Leigh so that we can start looking at options and prices.

The 2nd Quarter Conference of the Optimist Eastern Missouri District will be held virtually on Feb. 23-24. As a service project in conjunction with this conference, clubs will hold food drives with a goal of at least 100 items during the month of January (but please not cans of corn or green beans). The food we collect will go to Helping Hands and possibly our local Buddy Pack program.

Our next Bingo will be on Friday, January 19th. We are looking for some new folks to help in the kitchen since we two workers have left the area.

Feb. 3rd will be our annual Pancake Day, from 6:30-11:30. Bev Steelman will be coordinating and will need plenty of help. Leigh is looking into the option of ticket pre-sales for guests. Tickets for adults are \$10, kids under 12 for \$5, and under 4 are free.

Our next Social will be Sun. Feb. 18th with a carry-in meal at 5:00 p.m. in our building. We look forward to lots of members (and possible new members) to be in attendance.

We had Bingo on Friday, Jan. 5th with 148 players in attendance. Barrett shared that Jamie Metcalf and Bern Bonderer worked in the Bingo window while Charlie Selbach, Lester Gilpin, Shyla Barnett, and Bryan Chapman sold two horse races and eight event games, netting us almost \$2,000, which allowed us to deposit over \$3,000 to the bank. The kitchen had an excellent crew as well, with Brenda Austin cooking, the Bishops, Margie Selbach, Leigh Kottwitz, Dorise and Bryson Slinker helping toward a deposit of over \$1,000.

The elementary basketball games restarted Saturday January 6th and will continue each Saturday through Feb. 17th, with games at the Primary and Middle schools. Leigh Kottwitz sent out an email on Dec. 27th with full information or you can contact her at [leighkottwitz@gmail.com](mailto:leighkottwitz@gmail.com) if you can't find the email. Madelyn Blos was at the meeting this morning and said that there are twelve 1st & 2nd grade teams, plus seven 3rd & 4th grade teams.

Our incredible Greek themed breakfast was provided this morning by four generations of Travloses: John Travlos, his mother: Arita, his children: Ben and Jessica, Kalli Hineman and her baby girl, plus his regular team members: Bern Bonderer and Robert Blake. They provided us with greek style scrambled eggs with feta and tomatoes, loukaniko meatballs, duck with toast, loukoumades (greek doughnuts), tsourekki, vasilopita (a New Year's bread baked by Arita), bougatsa (a greek custard pastry), and fresh fruit. Several members were fortunate to find coins in their loukoumades that are said to bring good luck in the New Year.

After breakfast, John drew for the attendance drawing before we started our work day wiping down all of the chairs and tables and working outside in the freezing damp on the bleachers. Skip Wills, Dana Cafourek, and Peggy Wren had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow. We had a number of members stay to help with each project.

Because we had over 24 people in attendance for breakfast this morning, Leigh Kottwitz will honor the "24 in 24 Attendance challenge" that was mentioned in last week's bulletin and will donate to the Optimist Foundation. Let's hope we can keep doing this!

*Letitia DenHartog*

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