



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

July 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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Bernie Bartel

**COMING UP**

July 11 Board meeting  
Jul 13 Breakfast meeting-Wii Blue  
July 19 Bingo  
July 20 [Late Night Pool Luau & Movie](#)

**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: July 13- Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker, Tony Ash**  
**Program- Wil Blue- Veteran's Transportation Service**

The next Eastern MO Convention will be held on Aug. 16-18 at Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia. Officer-elect training will be held on Saturday. This training is required for our elected officers if our club wants to earn points. In addition, the Governor's Choice Awards Banquet and installation of new officers will be held on Saturday evening, and a Memorial Service on Sunday. Contact Barrett if you are interested in attending.

Our next Cattlemen's Day Rodeo is the weekend of August 23-24. We will need help with the beer garden, the concession stands, and selling tickets. We plan to have sign-up lists soon.

Please let Leigh Kottwitz know if you can help at the 2024 Ashland Fall Fest on Sept. 14th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Make sure you add this date to your calendar as well.

Bingo was lightly attended on Friday, July 5th, with only 110 players, but our club went ahead and paid out full amounts since the monitors still aren't working. With one horse race and four event games, we were still able to deposit almost \$1,000, plus \$770 from the kitchen. Barrett is looking at installing HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) cables to all of the monitors soon.

With President Leigh Kottwitz and Vice-president Ken Bishop both gone, Bryan Chapman led the meeting so that we could enjoy the incredible breakfast burrito bar that Bern Bonderer and John Travlos had set up, along with several varieties of fresh fruit.

We didn't have a program this morning, but Elmer Schiefer shared a joke about the Lone Ranger and Tonto. If you ask him, I'm sure he would be happy to share it. Barrett reminded members that if they were 65 or older, they could apply through <https://HelloGrouper.com/Optimist> to see if you can be reimbursed for your membership dues.

Bernie Bartel reminded property owners that are 62 and above that they can now apply for the Boone County Senior Real Estate Tax Relief program through [www.ShowmeBoone.com](http://www.ShowmeBoone.com) or pick up the necessary paperwork at the Boone County Collector of Revenue's Office or at the library. Eligible Boone county taxpayers need to apply between July 1st and October 1st, 2024.

Charlie Selbach who won the Poker hand last month drew for the Attendance drawing. Jeana Bishop, Kyle Baker, and Dennis Sapp had their chance at riches, but with them being among the many missing, the pot will have the chance to keep growing.

Before Bryan had us stand for the Optimist Creed, he reminded us that the Primary election will be held Aug. 6th, with no-excuse absentee voting from July 23-Aug. 5. Bryan commented on the fact that the recent elections had only seen 13-18% of eligible voters, which he sees as sad in our democracy.

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