



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

July 12 2025

"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

The Pool Is Open!
 Bingo July 18
 July 19 Breakfast meeting
 July 26 Pool GLOW Party

**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
 Florence Hahn 2011
 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
 Wes Donley 2025

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Program- TBD
Breakfast: July 19- Carole Iles, Dorisr Slinker, Tony Ash

The Ashland Optimist Board met on Thursday, July 8th. Secretary Barrett Glascock is currently out of town, but they had a quorum and were able to meet. Tillie Dowd, who is leading our soccer program, is looking for additional help. If you are interested, please email her at tilliebill@gmail.com. We will be sponsoring a booth at the Fall Fest on Sept. 13th. Please consider volunteering and add this to your calendar.

Ernie Wren reminded us that the Eastern Missouri District Conference Fourth Quarter meeting will be held Aug. 15-16 in Columbia. If you are interested in attending, please contact Barrett. It would be nice to have a great turnout from our club!

Brenda Austin and Bonita Lenger provided a delicious breakfast this morning with all of the regular favorites along with doughnuts from the new Yummy's here in town. Dan Kennish brought his wife Mary and our speaker, Ruth McCluskey, brought her husband, Frank to help with IT, and her father, Bob Couser.

Ruth is a twenty-three-year veteran of the Juvenile Court system, retiring recently, and is now training to be a special education teacher at Battle High School. She joined a friend, Julie Hill, who is a World-renowned percussion professor, on a journey to Salvador de Bahai, Brazil, which has a population of 2.9 billion (approximately the same size as Baltimore, MD). They traveled with Global Citizen Adventure Corp which believes in immersive travel for trailblazers and curious souls who would rather roll up their sleeves than sit on the sidelines. Salvador was one of the first slave trade areas in the Americas, providing workers for the sugar cane fields, so has a large Afro-Brazilian population (approximately 80%).

Some of the events they enjoyed included a Bale' Folclorico folk dance performance, a cooking class of traditional Brazilian dishes done in the instructor's home, a class in Afro-Brazilian dance, learning about samba-reggae music, and about capoeira, a martial art/dance fusion. They wrapped up their trip at Projecto Tamar, a sea turtle conservation program at Praia do Forte. Ruth showed videos while talking about the different events they participated in and answered questions when she finished speaking, then drew for the Attendance drawing. Madeline Bloss, Larry Lay, and Chris Felmlee had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will have a chance to grow again.

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