



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

June 7 2025

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

Optimist Board

Ken Bishop President
Leigh Kottwitz Past President
Tara Blue Vice President
Barrett Glascock Secretary
Heather Martin Treasurer
Bruce Glascock
Shawn Steelman
Robert Blake
Bernie Bartel
Dennis Sapp

COMING UP

The Pool Is Open!

June 12 Board meeting

June 14:

- Flag Day
- Breakfast Meeting: Bob Onder's office rep
- Fishing Derby

June 25 Arcie Sapp Blood Drive

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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Breakfast: June 14- John Travlos, Bern Bonderer, Robert Blake
Speaker- Seth- Representative Bob Onder's office

The Optimist Board will meet on Thursday, June 12th at 7:00 in the building. If you have any additions to the agenda, please let Barrett know by Tuesday, June 10th.

The Optimist Fishing Derby will be held at the Ashland City park on June 14th from 9:00-10:30. Tara Blue is coordinating this and would appreciate at least four volunteers to help with set up, helping young fishers, and help with clean up. Please contact Tara at bluebirdtara@gmail.com if you can help.

We hosted Bingo on Friday, June 6th with 170 players and excellent help on the floor and in the kitchen. Barrett Glascock reported that it wasn't our highest attendance, but we were able to make a \$6,600 deposit, after paying out over \$10,000, which is possibly the largest deposit that we have made in the past ten years. The kitchen deposited over \$1,200. Thanks to everyone who provided the variety of desserts that we offered.

Barrett was contacted during Bingo that long-time member, Wes Donley whose birthday was on Tuesday, June 3rd, had passed away earlier in the day. He hasn't been able to attend regularly recently, but he was an important part of our club for decades. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family after this loss.

The Arcie Sapp blood drive is scheduled for Wed. June 25th from 2:00-6:00. If you can donate, please help. We will also need greeters and people to provide sandwiches and cookies.

The cooks this morning provided an abundant breakfast of breakfast casseroles, cherry coffee cake, fresh fruit, pastries, and chocolate milk, in addition to the usual offerings of coffee and juice.

Our speaker this morning was Tina Murphy, founder of Widow's \$ Wallet, a personal financial guidance program, which focuses on widows. Tina was a finance teacher at Fulton High School in 2013 when her husband passed away suddenly. They had life insurance, which allowed her to leave her job and focus on raising their two sons. In 2018, she took training to be a life coach after struggling with her finances and grief by herself and realizing that purchases provided a dopamine rush, but were hard on her finances.

Tina's life experience allows her to provide guidance as clients deal with their on-going grief by assisting them to set goals and work out a spending plan for their future. Many of us are not taught how to deal with our finances within our family as we grow up and, with the emotional issues after the loss of a spouse, may not make the best decisions for our future. Her focus is on how you feel as you make financial decisions, aided with EFT tapping and safe, practical judgement-free support using her over 25 years as a personal finance teacher. For more information, please email her at tina@widowswallet.com or go to the website: www.widowswallet.com. After Tina was finished with her presentation, she drew for the Attendance drawing. Janet Popejoy, Becky Edwards, and Carrie Fischer-Bennett had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

State Representative John Martin asked to speak at the meeting this morning to get feedback on the Show Me Sports Investment Act. This plan would only apply to NFL and MLB teams, allowing them to make upgrades to existing stadiums or construct new stadiums. It would allow teams to get a bond up to their current state tax revenue, which comes up to \$29 million for the Chiefs and \$26 million for the Royals. It also allows a 10% tax credit up to \$50 million (up to half the project cost). This program would last up to 30 years and involves a clawback trigger in case either team relocates out of state which would require all monies to be returned. Kansas has offered to provide up to 70% for the stadium to be built across the state line. John's concern regards whether the state should subsidize a successful business (like the Kansas City Royals and Chiefs). For questions or input, please contact John's local office at John.martin@house.mo.gov or call [573-751-1169](tel:573-751-1169) and speak with his assistant, Christine Bell.

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