



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

November 8 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

Nov 11 Veterans Day Breakfast for vets & families. All are welcome. Free for vets.
 Nov 13 Board Meeting
 Nov 15 Youth Basketball grades 1-4 sign-up deadline
 Nov 15 Breakfast meeting Mary Dewey, Downtown Optimists

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: Nov. 15- Carole Iles, Dorise Slinker, Tony Ash
Speaker- Mary Dewey, Downtown Optimists sharing about Optimist International opportunities

Our club will hold our Veteran's Day breakfast on Tuesday, Nov. 11th from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Leigh Kottwitz stated that she has plenty of volunteers that have signed up to help, but if you are interested in helping, cooks need to arrive by 6:00, with servers coming at 6:45. All veterans and their families are welcomed to attend for a free breakfast!

There will be an Optimist Board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13th at 7:00 p.m. Please let Barrett Glascock know if you have anything that he needs to add to the agenda by Tuesday.

We had Bingo on Friday, with 132 players. Even though it wasn't a huge turnout, the special game tickets that were sold on the floor allowed a \$2,500 deposit. Last night was Bern Bonderer's last time working in the paper window for the next three months while he continues to deal with cancer. Barrett mentioned that the phones at the building are not currently working, but calls are being forwarded to his phone for now until they are fixed.

A breakfast team trade occurred, allowing us to enjoy a delightful breakfast of casseroles, banana bread, doughnuts, and fresh fruit provided by Chris Felmlee, Leigh Kottwitz, and Loren Plank.

Because we didn't have a speaker this morning, President Ernie Wren asked a couple of the members that were in attendance to share. Mike Fulca, who recently returned from his second home in Harlingen, TX, shared about his plans to see the opera, La Bohème, at the Forum Theater in Columbia, as part of their Metropolitan Opera series.

Chris Felmlee shared that the Missouri School Board Association (MSBA) has recently acquired a piece of property near the airport. In a generous move, Anna Marie Knipp sold a portion of her property to MSBA for the development of a cutting-edge training center dedicated to law enforcement and school administration. This facility aims to set a national standard in training. Chris also talked about the book he co-authored with John McDonald, titled The Essential Five Field Guide, second edition, which is available on Amazon.

After they spoke, Bernie Bartel drew for the Attendance drawing. Dana Cafourek, Jamie Metcalf, and Jim Green had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

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