

Optimist Board

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COMING UP

Mar 20 Bingo
Mar 21 Breakfast Meeting Tim Roth re:
Soboco school bond issue
Mar 28 MO47 Rep John Martin
Apr. 4- HS Quiz Bowl Team
Apr 4 No excuse absentee voting at Ashland
Library

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
Louise Martin 2025

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**Breakfast: March 21- John Travlos, Bern
Bonderer, and Robert Blake
Program- Tim Roth, Southern Boone
Superintendent**

**We will be hosting Bingo on March 20th. If you
usually help on the third Friday and will not be
available, please let Barrett Glascock or me
know so we can arrange for coverage.**

**There was a key found outside the kitchen door
after the breakfast meeting. If you are missing
a key, please contact Barrett.**

Since we didn't meet last week, Barrett shared the Bingo report from March 6 this morning. We had a record turnout of 183 players. We sold our first \$1,000 horse race, but considering we sold the 3,500 tickets involved in thirty minutes, Barrett plans to make this a regular feature on first of the month Bingos. We also sold two other horse races, plus six additional event tickets, which generated \$3,060. This contributed to the \$8,000 deposit that we were able to make from the floor after paying out \$11,500 in prize money. The kitchen was able to deposit \$1,288.

On Thursday, March 12th, the Optimist Board met for a successful meeting, with many items discussed. Brandon Glascock and Ann Colgrove with the Southern Boone Economic Development Council attended to ask about the Leadership Breakfast, which is scheduled for April 23rd at our building. Because Gov. Mike Kehoe is scheduled as the speaker, they shared that attendance could be higher than in the past, so wanted to alert us in advance. We will have people setting up casseroles the night before and will need plenty of help. In conjunction with this, we are looking at doing repairs and updates to our building, including painting, washing walls, and cleaning doors. Part of this work may be accomplished by a group of fifteen cadets from Missouri Military Academy on March 27th and the Board agreed to provide a pizza lunch for them as payment.

Bern Bonderer presented his budget for the upcoming T-ball/Coach Pitch season and let us know this will be his final season running the youth baseball program. He said the t-ball program had a record participation of 126 players last year, but the coach pitch program had lower numbers than in the past. The t-ball program may be able to shift some games to Sappington Field. He continues to work with a group to repair the dugouts before the season begins, which includes water running into the dugouts and replacing a roof with metal shingles.

The Board discussed making a list of necessary repairs so they could be prioritized, agreed to send up to two boys and two girls, as needed, to Boy State and Girl State, and agreed to pay for two nights lodging at the gaming convention in August. Ernie Wren is looking for interested members to join the Board, but only if they are interested in transitioning into officer roles. Please let him know if this is of interest to you at erniewren@gmail.com.

An amazing breakfast was provided this morning by Chris Felmlee, Leigh Kottwitz, and Loren Plank. Our speakers this morning were seven members of the Southern Boone Junior Beta Club, led by Kristen Long and Beth Lambiotte. The program started three years ago at the high school, with the Junior Beta Club of eighth graders starting with 23 students. There are four pillars: leadership, service, achievement, and character. When they included the seventh grade the second year, membership grew to 112 students. This club has focused on the service pillar by volunteering in the community. They started with a goal of 250 service hours the first year and ended up with 276 hours. Their goal for this year is 700 service hours, with 650 hours already completed this year. Students get to come up with ideas, form committees on how to complete the idea, and write proposals on how the ideas will be accomplished, which they present to their advisors, which include necessary materials, how much time outside of school will be needed, transportation needs, and whether the club advisory will be available.

Some of the ideas they have implemented so far include helping with Valentine parties at the Primary School and doing an egg hunt for the preschool kids (presented by Cash Wobbe, Gunner Bruce, and Ashton Vaughn), a showcase that they presented at the Missouri Capitol (presented by Reese Slinker, Hollan Langley, and Madison Turner) which included a tour to the top of the Capitol with School Board members Chris Felmlee and Barrett Glascock, as well as a Puppy Party (presented by Maddie Martin) at which they raised over \$200 for adoption fees at the Humane Society. The Club also raised money for the Children's Hospital to support a student going through cancer treatment, by selling hot chocolate during lunch, which raised around \$300. One Committee is working on teacher and School Board appreciation gifts as their service project. Kristen finished by saying how proud she is of the students, then had them draw for the Attendance drawing. Doyle Welker, Glen Sapp, and Jan Palmer had their chance at riches, but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow.

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