



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

March 28 2026
"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

Apr 3 Bingo
Apr. 4- HS Quiz Bowl Team
Apr 4 No excuse absentee voting at Ashland Library
Apr 9 Board meeting

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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Ashland Optimists, I apologize for not attending our meeting on Saturday to bring a Capitol report as your State Representative. My calendar was wrong and it is my fault. I would have attended but made a mistake and had the wrong date on my calendar. I will come another time when there is an opening. State Rep. John Martin

Breakfast: April 4- Bernie Bartel, Donna Wobbe, and Rich Ward

Speaker- High School Quiz Bowl team

Bingo- April 3rd We are short-handed in the kitchen and will be selling the \$1,000 horse race, so anyone who can help, please contact Barrett Glascock or me.

There will be "no-excuse" absentee voting at the Southern Boone Library on Saturday, April 4th from 10:00-2:00 for people who can't vote on Tues. April 7th.

On Friday, March 27th, Will Blue and twelve of his cadets from the Missouri Military Academy came to our building and spent most of the day cleaning and fixing the ball fields, with the help of Shawn Steelman. We definitely appreciate all of the hard work that they provided!

Dana Cafourek, Mike Fulca, Tabi DenHartog and I provided breakfast this morning, with many of the regular options, but also sheet pan pancakes and fried tomatoes. Long-time member, Jessi Kendall Wenger came to visit from her current home in Warsaw, Mo where she works as the City Clerk and finance director.

When our speaker didn't arrive, it gave us a chance to talk about items that are coming up on our schedule. The first thing is Board elections, which Ernie Wren shared that we have two people interested: Madeline Bloss and Dorise Slinker. If anyone else is interested, please contact Ernie. Our next event is the Leadership Breakfast, in coordination with the Southern Boone Economic Development Council, which will be held on April 23. Danna Wren and Leigh Kottwitz are chairing this and will need plenty of help, including a group to put casseroles together the night before. Contact either of those ladies if you are interested in helping.

Some of the other Optimist calendar items to watch out for include the Bike Rodeo, led by Rich Ward, coming in May and the Fishing Derby, coordinated by Doyle Welker and Glenda Richardson, coming in June and our annual Spooktakular, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 31st with Ernie Wren leading that.

Bryan Chapman shared that long-time member, Jim Green, lost his youngest son to an auto-immune disorder recently. Many of us remember Jim sharing his poetry over the years and our hearts are with him and his family.

We were honored to provide space for a cornhole fundraiser in our building after breakfast, hosted by Sircal Construction to raise money for Justin Reynolds, one of their employees whose wife died recently and he's trying to raise his young daughters by himself. They also had a silent auction and Andrew Little provided lunch to raise additional funds.

At the end of the meeting, Jessi drew for the Attendance drawing. Norm Geary, Justin Palazola, and Chris Felmlee had their chance at riches,but with their absence, the pot will continue to grow. Since it was the last meeting of the month, Barrett and Ernie figured the poker pot, which went to Leigh Kottwitz with a pair of aces.

Letitia DenHartog

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