

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

**Celebrating over 60 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!**

The Tuesday morning meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club was at the Optimist Event Center. President Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 16 club members attending. Tim McCoy gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Charles Nicolay, January 2; Linda Lanning, January 5; Jim Andrews, January 7. None present & no singing yet in 2023!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

During Dave Jackson's vacation trip, Kyle McNorton provided breakfast. He asked for others to volunteer for the next few weeks.

Optimist Board meeting at 5:45 pm, January 10.

Pancake feed on January 28 potentially.

Winter basketball league for 5 weeks will start January 14 at one gym with 196 players and 21 teams. It will be a 10 hour day of games.

**Christmas Tree Sales:** 128 trees hauled to Topeka Zoo from 475 purchased. Thanks to club volunteers who helped Dennis clear the lot after Christmas.

**Program:** Roger Belanger, WREN internet radio, Hits of the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Live DJs on M-F, 1:00-4:00 pm, Friday, 6:00 – 11:00 pm "Louie, Louie" LIVE all request show with Lou Constantino



Saturday, 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday, 2:00 – 6:00 pm

WREN radio began in 1926. "W" was assigned for stations west of the Mississippi river and "REN" are some of the letters for its location in Lawrence, KS. Former Kansas Governor Alf Landon purchased it in 1952. Call letters were purchased by a station in Mississippi and closed in 1988.

Listen Live at [www.wrenradio.net](http://www.wrenradio.net) or [www.wrendigitalmedia.com](http://www.wrendigitalmedia.com)

Frank Chaffin and Les Glenn started it again as a streaming internet radio station in 2012. It provides free radio 24/7 and 365 days each year for nearly 100,000 listeners coast to coast & around the world. WREN's primary demographic of listeners is age 45-64 adults and northeast Kansas. It features Oldies, country and "DooWop" music.

Roger grew up in New Hampshire and served 26 years in the Army and assigned to public affairs office. He ended up at Ft. Riley where he met his wife. He worked at the Manhattan Mercury and Topeka Capital-Journal newspapers in advertising sales. He's glad to be in Kansas to escape the winters of New England.

### Upcoming Events:

**January 10:** Corey McPherson, club member & financial advisor

### President Quote:

"The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get from it but what they become by it."

- John Ruskin