

### **Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club**

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

The Tuesday evening meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club was at the Viking Grille. President Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM with 18 club members attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>: Ben Schreiner, January 24 was not present. Jason Lambrecht, birthday January 13, was present to hear the choir!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Pancake feed on January 28, 7:00 am – Noon. Load up supplies at the Optimist Event Center at noon, Friday, January 27, and take them to Logan elementary. Volunteers needed for Pancake feed morning (6-10 am) & late morning (10 am-1 pm). Large roaster is needed to keep sausages warm.

Winter basketball league started January 14 at one gym with 201 players. There is now only one web page, <a href="https://www.sunriseoptimist.org">www.sunriseoptimist.org</a>, for all club information, e. g. registration for all sports: Spring & Summer golf, volleyball, and baseball.

Easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 8 at the Sports Complex.

Blood Drive on February 3, 1:00 – 6:00 pm at Fairlawn Plaza shopping center.

Optimist Essay Contest: Board decided to award \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup> place winner if there are 3 contestants. Secretary/Treasurer: We need a member to take over Charlie's position as club treasurer & club secretary.

January 31 Tuesday Volunteers rescheduled to February 7 after breakfast meeting: volunteers to cut down dead pine trees on north edge of complex property.

**Program:** David Ralph, principal at Northern Hills Elementary

He came in his Big Dill cucumber costume which he wears at school along with many other costumes to entertain students & staff. His staff purchase the Big Dill costume.

His school theme is "Every bulldog belongs." For students, there is after school groups, e.g. Legos, snack etc. For staff there is a wellness room with a zero-gravity massage chair purchased by the PTO. Community members are invited into the school for a variety of volunteer events.

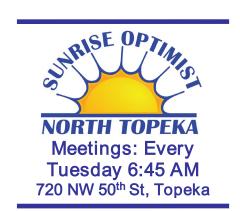
2023 is his 16<sup>th</sup> year in USD 345: 10 yrs as a teacher and 6 yrs in administration. He was the debate coach for 9 years and the team was top 2% nationally.

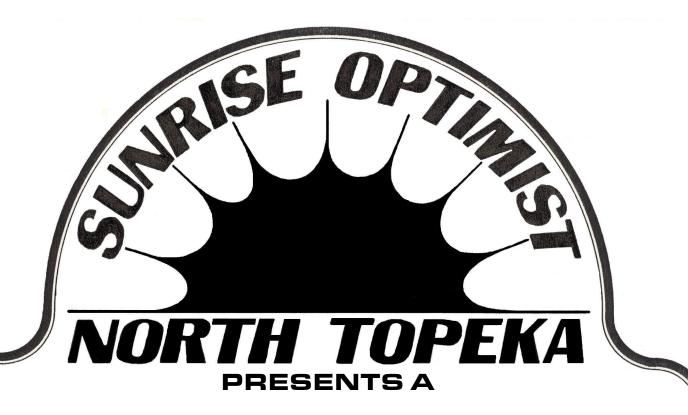
#### **Upcoming Events:**

January 31: Club Board Report
February 7: Optimist Essay Contest
President Quote:

"A champion is simply someone who did not give up when they wanted to."

- Tom Landry





# PANCAKE FEED

Featuring

All the pancakes you can eat!

Also serving: Sausage links, juice, coffee and milk.
TO BENEFIT THE

Winter Basketball Program

Price: \$5.00/each

Saturday, January 28, 2023

7:00AM - 12:00 Noon

Logan Elementary School
1124 NW Lyman Road

## **Support Sunrise Optimist Basketball!**

Games at Logan Elementary School every Saturday starting at 8:00 AM.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys & Girls

3rd & 4th Grade Boys & Girls

5th & 6th Grade Boys & Girls