

HIGHLIGHTS

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.

BIRTHDAYS: 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, www.sunriseoptimist.org, 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 1st 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 16th 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



NORTH TOPEKA

Meetings: Every
Tuesday 6:45 AM
720 NW 50th St, Topeka

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PRESENTS A

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.

1st & 2nd Grade Boys & Girls

3rd & 4th Grade Boys & Girls

5th & 6th Grade Boys & Girls