

### Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club Celebrating over 60 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!

The Sunrise Optimist Club was back at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center for its regular Tuesday morning club meeting. President Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:46 AM with 18 club members and a guest attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>**: No Sunrise Club mebers are celebrating a birthday this week so the Sunrise choir resented their voices!

#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

The Club welcomed Teresa Rose, who along with Alan prepared a tasty breakfast this morning!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dennis Reedy announced that Quint Cook, owner of Stumpy's Smoked Cheese, and who provides concessions at Saturday's Sunrise Optimist Basketball games, will be undergoing surgery this week and will be laid up for a few weeks. Thoughts and prayers are with Quint for a successful surgery and rapid recovery.

"Celebrate Community" Blood Drive, a combined project of Topeka service clubs, takes place this Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fairlawn Plaza Mall.

Another week of Winter basketball league this past Saturday with 2 more weeks of play. Next up will be Spring Volleyball and then signups for Summer Baseball/Softball/T-ball.



Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8 at the Sports Complex.

Volunteers to cut down dead cedar trees on north edge of complex property. "Tuesday Troopers" now scheduled for after Club meeting on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. It will not be directly after the club meeting but will gather back at the Sports Complex at 9:00 AM.

The Pancake Feed from last Saturday was reviewed by Kyle McNorton and Charlie Galligher. Things went well despite not having a Pancake Feed since February 2020. More importantly than the mere mechanics of putting on a Pancake Feed was the comradery gained among members, volunteers and the community. When all was said and done, we raised \$1,662 for the Winter Basketball Program and other Youth/Community projects.

<u>Program</u>: Secretary-Treasurer Charlie Galligher reviewed his tenure as Club Secretary-Treasurer. This year represents his 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Charlie also provided the quarterly report from the Board of Directors.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

<u>February 7</u>: Optimist Essay Contest <u>February 14:</u> Dan Hawkins, Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives <u>February 21:</u> Students of the Month,

> Seaman Schools <u>February 28:</u> Evening Meeting - Viking Grille

<u>President Quote</u>: "Life is like a 10-speed bike, most of us have gears we never use." - Charles Schulz

## **DONATIONS SAVE LIVES**

# 'Celebrate Community'

BLOOD DRVE

A combined project by Topeka service clubs: Lions, Optimist, Kiwanis, Rotary, Civitan & Sertoma



**Topeka Sunflower** 

**Topeka Twilight** 



**Topeka Optimist** Sunrise Optimist



Topeka Kiwanis Southwest Kiwanis



**Rotary South** 



Civitan



**Topeka Heartland Topeka Evening** 

## Friday, February 3rd 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Fairlawn Plaza Mall - Topeka KS

2114 SW Chelsea Drive, Topeka KS, Space 25



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