

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 19 club members attending. Jason Lamprecht gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: No Optimist members but we sang to one of the basketball players!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No December 26th, Monday evening meeting at Viking Grille, but we will meet on Tuesday morning, December 27th at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center. In 2023, evening meetings will be on 4th Tuesdays each month. Breakfast cook volunteer needed from December 27, 2022 until March 7, 2023. Optimist Board meeting moved from December 13th to December 20th.

Fall basketball league ended with 207 players. For Winter basketball league, on-line registration deadline is past.

Christmas Tree Sales: 225 trees sold from 385 purchased. Hayden and Seaman high school students have volunteered to help sell trees.

December 15 evening: Community Christmas party with Toys for Tots gifts including gift cards for foster care kids served. Rotary Club volunteers will wrap presents at noon, December 14. Contact Dennis Reedy, 785-640-0834.

Soldier township board is planning to relocate the fire station at NW 46th to a location near NW 62nd & Topeka Blvd. The move is needed to maintain proximity to buildings in the township as required by insurance.

Check out the calendar at the revised club website: <https://sunriseoptimist.org/>

Program: Craig Cox, Seaman basketball coach and 3 boys

Craig Cox grew up in Oakland area and remembers playing youth basketball at Garfield Center. This Fall, he managed two concession stands for the Optimist football league. Volunteers from various school clubs provide laborers for both locations.

Seaman is now in the United Kansas Conference which is all 5A public schools and no private schools. Practices include all players together to expedite learning. All three players who came also played Optimist basketball in the grade school leagues.

In state tournament last year, the team defeated defending champs and undefeated teams.

Upcoming Events:

December 20: Student Awards, Seaman High and Middle Schools

December 27: Sunrise Optimist Board report

President Quote:

“You will not improve unless you look to a standard or example higher and better than yourself.”

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