

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 Sunrise Optimist Event Center. Past-president Ernie Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 18 club members attending. Jason Lamprecht gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Gary Scarlett, May 16; Keith Sowards, May 21. Gary enjoyed a good rendition of the birthday song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Results of club officer election: Tim McCoy, President; Michael Bates, Michael Shepherd & Michael Smith as board members. Cory McPherson to be appointed as Secretary/Treasurer.

North Topeka News: David Jackson reviewed building permits & reported three businesses; Hills dog food was highest at \$2.4 million. Thirty acres on NW 35th east of US 75 is for sale. No action on tearing down the car wash in the 1300 block of North Kansas Avenue.

Baseball team practices have been rained out. Golf will move back to Saturday mornings. Pizza and cookie dough orders are coming in before games start.

July 28, 37th Annual Bob Cutter Golf Classic at Great Life Lake Perry. Volunteers are needed to call former sponsors. Donations of water, pop and Gatorade are requested. If someone chooses to donate a gift basket, notify Alan Rose.



Boys' State, June 2023: Matthew Barta will attend on club sponsorship. He is grandson of former sheriff & club member, Dick Barta. Matthew will also attend the Law Enforcement Academy.

Program: Joel Wells, principal at Elmont Elementary school

Even though he injured his left knee recently, he came as scheduled. He has been in education for 20 years and the past eight years as principal at Elmont. His first year as principal was completion of the remodeling which changed the U-shaped building shape to a square along with other exterior changes. The curriculum is structured learning in 15 tracks. During these 8 years, staff turnover was 75%. He hired 8 new teachers for 2022 – 2023 year. Other challenges are emotional and behavioral needs of student, family poverty and school safety.

Veteran's Day recognition and Christmas donations of personal care items in cooperation with North Topeka Outreach are traditional events. Staff degree day gives recognition to certifications and degrees completed to demonstrate life-long learning.

Upcoming Events:

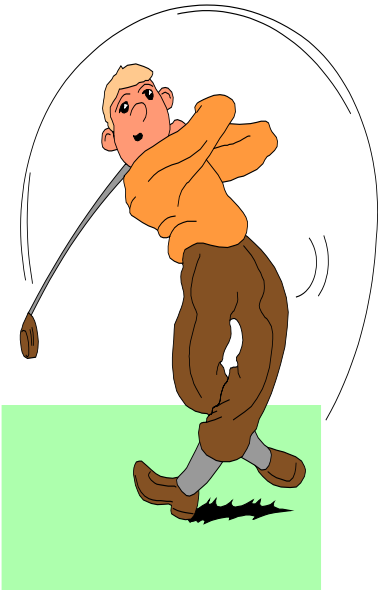
May 23: Club meeting, 6:30 PM at the Vikings Grille, State Senator, Kristen O'Shea

President Quote:

"Greed robs you of more value than the price of what you've gained."

- A.J. Darkholme

Sunrise Optimist Club of North Topeka announces the



37th Annual Bob Cutter Golf Classic

Friday, July 28, 2023
Lake Perry Country Club
Ozawkie, Kansas

Tournament Host: Sunrise Optimist Club of North Topeka
Celebrating our 37th year of hosting a Golf Tournament!

TEE TIME: 10:00 a.m., but be there by 9:30 for pre-tee instructions.

LUNCH: Sack lunches with water or sodas will be available to all golfers at no charge.

COST: **Available now Registration Forms with prices!** Price includes green fees, cart, mulligans and cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place teams for two different flights.

SPECIALS: There will be prizes for Closest to the Line, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Longest Putt.

FORMAT: Traditional four(4)-person scramble format with a shotgun start. The field of entries will be divided into two(2) flights with awards for 1st and 2nd place in both flights. Any ties will be determined by handicap holes.

Anticipated Tournament Sponsors for 2023:

- Golf package: Lake of the Ozarks(Golf & lodging, Waters Edge Motel/Indian Rock Golf Course)
 - Great Life Golf and Fitness • Ben Schreiner
 - Boulder Creek Golf Club, Boulder City, Nevada
- Rose Muffler & Car Care • Eagle Bend Golf Course, Lawrence, Kansas
 - DeBackers, Inc. • Lewis Toyota • Tarwater Farm & Home Supply

Raffle and Auction items will be available! • Donations always welcome!

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Alan Rose, 785-640-2340, Scott Souther, 785-250-8102 or Dan Lill, 785-414-0018.