

# 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 6:37 PM with 16 club members attending. Tim McCoy gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Larry Zirkle, May 23. Larry and other guests at the Viking Grille enjoyed a good rendition of the birthday song.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**North Topeka News:** David Jackson reported that a pad is completed and ready for new business in the 1300 block of North Kansas Avenue.

Baseball players total 553 and games start Tuesday May 30. The concession stand needs volunteers. Show up at 5:30 pm weeknights. Great opportunity for volunteer hours for youth.

July 28<sup>th</sup> - 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Cutter Golf Classic at Lake Perry Country Club-GreatLIFE Golf. 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.

Complex committee has listed several options and will present to the Optimist board next month. Then, we will start discussions with the school district about ownership of the complex.

4-H club removed plastic buckets and tree braces.

**Program:** Senator Kristen O'Shea

Sen. O'Shea has completed the first three years of her 4 year term. Redistricting changed her district but it remained mostly rural and includes north Topeka. She served on the Education, Commerce and Public Health and Welfare committees. During the interim months, the Senate and House combine committees. She serves on the Corrections, Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare committees. The last session dealt with a \$4 billion budget surplus. The Governor vetoed tax reduction bills. More money was allocated for Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Other topics discussed were Medicaid eligibility changes during Covid, vaccinations, lack of child care, fentanyl, state water plan, Women's Bill of Rights, school choice, education funding, Legislative Post Audit, Medicaid expansion. She offered a "Day with the Senator" during the legislative session

**Upcoming Events:**

**May 30<sup>th</sup>:** Quarterly report from the Club's Board of Directors

**President Quote:**

"Age is whatever you think it is. You are as old as you think you are."

- Muhammad Ali



Meetings: Every  
Tuesday 6:45 AM  
720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St, Topeka

