

# 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. President Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM with 22 club members. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** None this week.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**North Topeka News:** David Jackson reported that Ks Dept of Transportation awarded contract for U.S. 24 Highway improvements to Koch Construction. FEMA required raising the height of the dike for Soldier Creek at Menoken Road which is delayed when Indian artifacts were found there. The North Topeka drainage district oversees maintenance of the Soldier dike which diverts the creek's water from flooding North Topeka. Half of the \$1.7 million project is funded by the city of Topeka.

Baseball games and tournament are completed. Now it's time for football and volleyball preparations. Golf will start September 16 on Saturday mornings.

Concession stand profits from the baseball season total around \$5,700. Congratulations to Rolf Chappell for his leadership and both club members and community volunteers.

July 28, 37<sup>th</sup> Optimist Club Golf Tourney. 33 teams signed up and 22 t-box ads sold. Volunteers are needed:  
Thursday evening for prepping coolers.



Friday, 7:30 am, to make sandwiches.

In-coming club president, Tim McCoy, Kit Kelley, Charlie Galligher & Frank Henderson attended the International Optimist conference in Arlington, VA. Tim noticed the other countries in attendance, e.g. Nepal. Four resolutions were presented regarding officer on-line training, date & location of convention, and configuration of regions and districts.

**Program:** Matthew Barta, Law Enforcement Academy in Salina, KS

His grandfather asked all his grandchildren to attend this academy for high school seniors. The one-week session is attended by boys and girls who experience structured routine. Rise at 5:30, 30 minutes of physical exercise, 60 minutes for making bed, clean up & breakfast. Events included defensive driving, obstacle course, firearm training, experience a traffic stop, flight around Salina in Highway Patrol aircraft and 300 degree patrol simulator.

His father, John Barta, attended the academy as a youth also. He started Dovetail as a woodcraft business which turned into roofing only. He now operates a saw mill with 2 kilns.

**Upcoming Events:**

**July 18:** Alec Gartner, Seaman USD 345, Community Resource Director

**July 25:** Optimist Board Report

**August 1:** Kevin Drewelow, Combat Air Museum