

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 6:45 AM with 20 club members present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Eric Schulz, July 22; Paul Wurtz, July 24

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

North Topeka News: Harris Fabrication is building large building behind the former Post Office facility on North Kansas Avenue.

July 28, 37th Annual Bob Cutter Golf Classic. 34 teams signed up. The golf ball gun will be available for sore losers. Volunteers are needed: Thursday evening for prepping coolers & setting t-box signs on the course. Friday, 7:30 am at Event Center to make sandwiches. Friday, 8:00 am at golf course Friday, 2:30 pm at golf course Call Alan Rose: 785-234-0415 (w), 785-640-2340 (c)

Registration for youth leagues is open: Football, Volleyball, Golf & Basketball.

Kansas District OI Convention, August 18-21, Hilton Garden Inn, in Manhattan.

Program: Alec Gartner, Seaman USD 345, Community Outreach Coordinator He grew up in North Topeka and attended Hayden high school and K-State. He worked at KSNT TV 27 as a photographer and statehouse reporter. He started work at USD 345 in November 2021. He is a social media consultant and prepares press releases for the school district.

One of his job duties includes the Community Resource Room at Logan Elementary. For families in need, school social workers and counselors inform parents about the Resource Room. All the Seaman schools use this resource. This resource started with coat distribution in 2014.

On any given week, 15 to 25 families come at 4:15-6:15 pm, Wednesdays, for food boxes. In addition, some clothing, hygiene products and school supplies are available.

Harvesters provides food at no cost. Various community groups donate throughout the year. For example, there is "Stuff the Bus" and sales of the "Pet of the Month" calendar.

Upcoming Events:

<u>July 25, at the Viking Grille</u>: Tony, Mativvi, KBI Director

August 1: Kevin Drewelow, Combat Air Museum

President Quote:

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of Wisdom."

- Thomas Jefferson

