

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 6:45 AM with 17 club members. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: No birthdays to celebrate this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

July 28, 37th Annual Bob Cutter Golf Classic report - 34 teams participated and volunteers were plentiful. Estimated net income is \$16,000. Congratulations and thanks to the organizers: Alan Rose, Scott Souther and Dan Lill. Teresa Rose and other women assisted in many ways to acquire door prizes and take photos. Linda Lanning also offered her Thanks to those that helped with making the lunches for the tournament early Friday morning: Chandler Lill, Sara (Chandler's friend), Kyle McNorton, Don Pekrul, Frank & Marilyn Yeoman, and Bruce Lanning. Next year will be even bigger and better in true Optimist fashion!

Registration for youth leagues is open: Football, Volleyball, Golf & Basketball. Football coach meeting is tonight. Instead of flyers distributed at each Seaman school, USD 345 uses Peach Jar software to announce sports registrations and other news. Pre-school is flag football and will be sponsored by KC Chiefs who provide reversible game jerseys and tickets to a Chiefs game.

Board meeting is 5:45 pm, August 8.

October 3: Installation of 2023-2024 Club Officers, Sunrise Optimist Event Center.

Program: Kevin Drewelow, Combat Air Museum, 7016 SE Forbes Avenue, Forbes Field.

<https://www.combatairmuseum.org/>

The museum opened in 1977 and now has 47 airplanes stored in two hangars which are heated in summer and cooled in winter depending on weather outside. There are planes with piston and jet engines. Flying the planes became too expensive as operation and maintenance costs rose. The museum scheduled air shows for many years in the past and will do that again in 2024 & 2025.

They conduct education sessions for Scout groups and school kids which include a flight simulator, classroom instruction and tours of aircraft and the control tower. In September, 2023 another session on "Girls in Aviation."

Volunteers are always needed and they have fundraisers: pancake feed and car show. Admission to the museum is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

Upcoming Events:

August 8: John Tipton, Soldier Township Road Superintendent

August 15: TBD

President Quote: "Become the kind of person that people would follow even if you had no title or position."

- Brian Tracy



**Meetings: Every
Tuesday 6:45 AM
720 NW 50th St, Topeka**