

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 Optimist Event Center. President Tim McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:35 AM with 15 club members present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Charles Galligher, February 8 was there. He tried to direct our singing to no avail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Guest: Mike Bates introduced Curt Lewis who owns A & A Salvage.

Basketball league completed week #4 last weekend. Play Again Sports will sponsor our baseball league this summer and basketball league also.

Girl Scout cookies will be sold during basketball games on February 10 & 17.

Sunrise Optimist Pancake Feed, February 3rd, to benefit the Winter basketball league raised \$1,571. Thanks to all the volunteers and especially Charles Galligher for organizing the event.

Optimist Essay Contest: Daniel Biggs was there with his parents. Daniel has 4 older siblings. Meredith Burgess was there with her dad. She has a younger brother who wouldn't be out of bed yet for the contest.

1st Place, \$100: Daniel

Biggs

2nd Place, \$75: Meredith

Burgess

3rd Place, \$50: Rylee

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Oratorical Contest: February 13

February 10, Optimist Event Center: Baseball Boosters hosting Trivia competition as a fundraiser.

Program: Brad Willson, Seaman Superintendent

He stated that the partnership with the Optimist club and the school district is unique. Club sponsored sports and activities like the essay and oratorical contests impact the community in positive ways.

As a former wrestling coach, he learned that students and adults don't realize how far they can push themselves. Like the KC Chiefs football team, our school district can't get comfortable with past success. Societal changes and public expectations for school outcomes are much greater today.

As superintendent, his role is to motivate others for improvements and organize school district resources. Teachers' jobs are more difficult with added pressure so that all students realize their potential, especially educationally challenged kids. However, students, like KC Chiefs football players & wrestlers, must take ownership to achieve their potential.

Upcoming Events:

February 13: Optimist Oratorical Contest

February 20: Students of the Month

February 27: Evening Meeting at the Vikings Grille, Dan Hawkins, Speaker of the Kansas House or Representatives

President's Quote: "Life has no remote. Get up and change it yourself."

- Mark A. Cooper, author, "Edelweiss Pirates"

