

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 Tim McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 21 club members present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Birthdays this week are Gary Slimmer, March 15; Mark Fink, March 17. Gary was present and enjoyed our breakfast rendition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Jackson reported that HME plans to expand on the west side of Button Road. Cycle World expansion is near completion.

Congratulations to the Seaman girls basketball team who are 5A State champs!

Program: Eric Rucker, former State Senator and Shawnee County Commissioner

Eric started as a car salesman and then became an attorney. He has served in various public service positions for 50 years.

He discussed the U.S. Supreme Court decision a few years ago that overturned interpretation of the First Amendment applicable to educational programs. The First Amendment has three clauses: establishment of state religion prohibited, guarantees free exercise of

religion and freedom of speech.

Schools were considered an arm of government due to federal and state funding. Starting in 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court prohibited school religious practice; in 1963 prohibited reading of the Bible; then prohibited state funding of religious schools; and in 1980 removed display of the Ten Commandments.

For 60 years, a three-prong test was used to determine whether a particular action was allowed in a school setting. With the U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Court recognized the difficulty applying the three-prong test and concluded that religious expression in public schools is not establishing a state religion but is a freedom of speech and free exercise of religion which are allowed by the First Amendment.

The test case involved a football coach praying silently on the 50-yard line after the game when players volunteered to join him. The school district fired him.

Upcoming Events:

March 19 at Bradley's Corner Café, 844 North Kansas Avenue: Students of the Month

March 26: Viking Grille location

President's Quote:

“Instead of worrying about everything that could go wrong, focus on everything that could go right.”

- Gabrielle Bernstein (author, speaker & pod cast host)





Dear Fellow Easter Bunnies;

The North Topeka Sunrise Optimist Club will be sponsoring our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th, at 3:17pm. We are expecting approximately 400 youth between the ages of 2-12 years old at this event. There is no charge and it is staffed by Sunrise Optimist volunteers.

Please help us to provide a quality Easter program for these youth by considering a donation for this event. All donations will be used for candy, prizes, and coupons for this event and will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact us within the next few days to answer any questions you might have and to hopefully set up a pick up time for your donation.

We would also like to invite you and your company's employees to bring your own children to this special event.

Thank you for helping us provide a positive and safe program for the Topeka area youth. It is with your support we are able to do so. If there are any questions or concerns please contact:
Dennis Reedy at 785-640-0834. Or dreedy1981@gmail.com

Sincerely;

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Easter HUNT

AGES 2-12
NO PARENTS
IN HUNT



A FUN TIME HUNTING CANDY, BOUCING ON THE INFLATABLE (AGES 2-12),
AND SOME RAFFLES!!! PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS/BASKET

MARCH 30TH
3:17 PM

SUNRISE OPTIMIST BASEBALL FIELDS

720 NW 50TH, TOPEKA KS

Wear comfortable clothes and sunscreen!



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Hello fellow golfers,

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Sunrise Optimist 38th Annual Bob Cutter / Alan Rose Golf Classic Tournament!

As you will notice, in honor of the late Alan Rose the Sunrise Optimist Club has officially added his name to our tournament. Bob Cutter was the original chair for this tournament for many years and Alan Rose carried on the great tradition of organizing the tournament for over 30 years. Please help us honor Alan with your participation in making this year the best ever!

The tournament is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 26, 2024, at the Lake Perry Great Life Golf Course.

There will be prizes for each hole, including two hole-in-one prizes, many other great prizes to win and lunch is included.

This year will include:

- 2 - Hole In One Prizes - Including a Gravely mower from Tarwaters
- 5 - Premium Baskets to bid on
- 3 - Auction Items

Be on the lookout for a flyer to sign up for the tournament and support Service to Youth and the North Topeka Community!

Sincerely,


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