

# 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. Past-President Ernie Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 17 club members present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** No birthdays of club members nor the soccer team! The choir sadly rested once again.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**North Topeka News:** David Jackson reported that one of the commercial properties near the I-70 viaduct was purchased for \$4 million. U.S. Highway 24 project continues to relocate utilities on both sides of the highway.

Football has completed two weekends of games. Golf started last weekend. Volleyball starts next weekend. Basketball starts November 4.

There will not be an evening meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, September 26. We will meet for breakfast that morning at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center.

October 3, Installation of Club Officers at our Event Center. Catered dinner is provided by the club. Social hour starts at 6:00 pm and meal starts serving at 6:30 pm. Per meal cost is \$12. Free will donation expected.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter District Optimist meeting is October 7 at our Sunrise Optimist Event Center.

Special Guest is Michael Boles, Middle America Region Vice-president designate. Registration and coffee hour begins at 8:00 am and meeting begins at 9:00 am. More information can be found in the attached District Newsletter.

The annual "Made from the Heart" Holiday Craft Fair is Saturday, November 4, at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center. Booth spaces are available for rental for a fee of \$45 or \$55.

**Program:** Tim Nussbaum, Seaman high school soccer coach, and 4 captains

Coach Nussbaum is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Elmont. He coaches boys and girls soccer. Boys soccer is in the Fall with varsity and JV games scheduled on Tuesdays and Fridays for a 16 game season over 8 weeks. JV game plays first followed by varsity game each night. Common injuries include ham string and legs. Games are played despite the weather, even in freezing rain. High school players have participated in club soccer and Sunflower Soccer leagues. Offensive players can run up to 5 miles each game.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**September 26:** Seaman School Board candidates: Brett Bitner, Terri Symonds, Linda Sloan, Zach Wagers

**October 3, Tuesday, 6:00 pm:** Installation dinner for 2023-24 club officers

### **President's Quote:**

"Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else."

- J.M. Barrie





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**Kansas District Optimist  
First Quarter Meeting  
October 7, 2023  
Topeka, KS**

**Meeting Place:  
Sunrise Optimist Event Center  
720 NW 50th St.  
Topeka, KS**

**Special Guest: Michael Boles, Middle America  
Region Vice President Designate**

**Registration and coffee hour begins at 8:00 a.m.  
Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.**



**COME TO TOPEKA ON OCTOBER 7TH AND JOIN THE FUN!**

**Get to know your fellow Optimists.**

**Learn about other clubs and their activities and projects.**

**Get current details about new Optimist programs and opportunities.**

**PLUS--Each Kansas Optimist Club will receive a \$100 reimbursement from the District for the first District Conference attended by one or more members this year!**

**AND--each Optimist attending their very first District Conference ever will receive a gift!**

Register Online at  
<https://www.ksoptimist.org>  
or by using the registration form at the end of this newsletter

# Fourth Quarter Convention Highlights



The Kansas District Optimists held their annual convention at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan, KS on August 18-20. Attendees enjoyed a delicious Friday evening picnic provided by the Manhattan Optimist Club. The picnic was followed by the Ruth Nelson Cancer Walk which raised, along with club donations, \$1,000 for children with cancer. On Saturday members met at the hotel to hear interesting presentations by Dr. Michael Finnegan, K-State Staley School of Leadership; Dr. Sarah Mass, Kansas 4-H Youth Development Program Leader; and David Bruns, Past Optimist International President. A raffle of various items was held throughout the day and \$1500 was raised for the Optimist International Foundation. The Kansas District officers for next year were sworn in and a training session and business meeting held in the afternoon. Club members attended the annual banquet Saturday evening, and the convention concluded with a Memorial Service and breakfast Sunday morning.



The Ruth Nelson Cancer Walk was held at Friday night's picnic to raise money for Health and Wellness/Childhood Cancer Committee.



Members attended a picnic at Optimist Park Friday evening.



Past Optimist International President David Bruns spoke Saturday on the history of Optimists in Kansas



Dr. Michael Finnegan (left), K-State Staley School of Leadership spoke during Saturday morning's session. Kansas District Optimists officers (above) for 2023-2024 were sworn in on Saturday.

# Past Governors Luncheon

Each year prior to District Convention the Kansas District Past Governors meet to share time with each other. This year the group enjoyed a luncheon at the Blue Moose Restaurant in Topeka. The lunch was hosted by Rod and Suzi Obermeier, and thirteen past governors and their guests were in attendance. A Past Governor is honored annually with the Christian D. Larson Award, and the year's recipient was Ed Bruns, Jr. for his many years of dedicated service to the District. Each Past Governor was also given an updated copy of the booklet History of Leadership covering 123 years of service to the Kansas District by our Governor



Back Row Left to Right: Dale Fox, Rod Obermeier, John Goyette, Kit Kelley, Larry Drbal, Gary Slimmer  
Front Row Let to Right: Clyde Kensinger, Dave Bruns, Charles Galligher, Ernie Dyer, Ruth Nelson, Ed Bruns



Left to Right: Patsy Bruns, Rod Obermeier, Ed Bruns, Christian D. Larson Award winner.

## Upcoming District Meetings

**1st Quarter Meeting**

**October 6-7**

**Topeka**

**2nd Quarter Zone Meetings**

**February 1-March 10**

**3rd Quarter Meeting**

**April 19-20**

**Junction City**

**64th Annual District Convention**

**August 16-18**

**Derby**

# MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR DOUG JARDINE

Country artist Kenny Chesney has a song titled, "Don't Blink." It's the truth. It seems like only yesterday I was sworn in as the Kansas District Governor, and suddenly the year is over. I had several goals. Did I achieve any of them? No. But I tried and that's all I can say. We will not finish plus in membership for the district. We did not start a new club; in fact, we lost three. I did not visit every club in the district, but I will continue to work on that one as past governor. I did not convince every club to attend at least one district meeting even after offering clubs a \$100 stipend to send a member. Did we have successes? Yes of course we did.

We started the year off with a great district meeting hosted by the McPherson Optimist Club. Jamie Menon, a community vitality specialist with K-State Research and Extension, introduced attendees to the Kansas Pride Program, which promotes an enhanced quality of life for citizens of Kansas communities through education, leadership, development, and recognition. Deborah Kohl, Program Leader Coordinator for Community Vitality, shared resources available from K-State that help residents and all communities – rural, suburban, and urban – grow and prosper.

The second quarterly district meeting was held jointly with the West Missouri District in Overland Park. A highlight of the meeting was a visit from Middle America Vice President Julie Robison.

The third quarter district meeting was held in Emporia and featured the district Oratorical Contest. Attendees heard four very high-quality speeches from the contestants. The keynote speaker was Jeff King, Founder of the Transmuto Company, who did a presentation on the Enneagram, a powerfully effective personality typing system that empowers people toward personal growth, relationship effectiveness, and professional development.

The final district meeting was the annual convention held in Manhattan on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year in Manhattan. Attendees heard from Michael Finnegan, an associate professor in the K-State Staley School of Leadership, who impressed upon us the powerful value of positive phrasing in our conversations. Sarah Maas, State Leader for Kansas 4-H Youth Development, shared information on the depth and breadth of Kansas 4-H programs and how Optimists might better engage with 4-H programs in their communities. Finally, Dave Bruns, past Optimist International President, provided us a brief history of Optimism in Kansas. New district officers were sworn in, and incoming governor Judy Morris shared what she hoped to achieve in the coming year.

Overall, I believe that it was a very successful year for Kansas Optimism. However, it should be noted that if current declines in membership continue, Optimist International as an entity will cease to exist in the next 20 years. So please, ask someone to join your club. Your clubs survival depends on it!

# KANSAS DISTRICT OPTIMIST CHILDHOOD CANCER GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Kansas District Optimists held their 15th Annual Childhood Cancer Golf Tournament on Monday, August 7 at Prairie Highlands Golf Course in Olathe. A field of 140 golfers participated in the event which raises money to send children with cancer for a free week of summer camp. The District would like to thank all this year's sponsors and donors including our Title Sponsor Keen Wealth Advisors, Presenting Sponsor Olathe Health/The University of Kansas Health System, and Event Sponsor Enterprise Bank and Trust. We would also like to thank the volunteers from the Topeka Sunrise, Olathe Noon, Lenexa, and Topeka clubs for their work on the event. Other Kansas Optimist clubs donated raffle items, and the Derby, Ottawa, Topeka, and Manhattan clubs had teams play in the tournament which is greatly appreciated. Joe Lauria, Fox 4 Kansas City Meteorologist, once again acted as event MC and played in the tournament. Joe has supported and participated in the tournament for the past 13 years. Dutch Brothers Coffee not only donated the coffee for this year's tournament, but they held a "Give Back Day" on September 15. They donated \$1.00 from each cup of coffee sold at their two Olathe locations as an after tournament support event for Childhood Cancer. As plans begin for next year's tournament to be held on August 5, 2024 we hope your club will choose to participate by making a cash donation, volunteering, giving a raffle item, or sending a team to play in the tournament. Let's all work together to continue this very worthwhile event which has raised over \$270,000 for children with cancer during the last 15 years!

Kansas District Optimist Golf Committee



# ESSAY AND ORATORICAL CONTESTS

## ESSAY CONTEST

The Essay Contest topic for the 2023-2024 year is “Optimism: How It Connects Us”. There are excellent resources on the Kansas District website (Ksoptimist.org) or the Optimist International website (<https://www.optimist.org/member/scholarships3.cfm>) to help Optimist clubs plan and publicize local essay contests. The winning essay from each club should be submitted to the District chair by February 28, 2024. The District Essay Contest winner receives a \$2,500 college scholarship. If you have any questions about the Optimist Essay contest, please contact Lisa Brummett ([thebrummett5@gmail.com](mailto:thebrummett5@gmail.com) or 785-313-1884).

Lisa Brummett  
Essay Contest Chair

## ORATORICAL CONTEST

As your club decides on activities for the upcoming year make plans to hold a club Oratorical Contest. The topic for the 2023-2024 year is “How to Change the World with Optimism”. The winner of your club’s contest will enter your Zone Oratorical Contest and Zone winners move on to compete for \$5,000 in college scholarships in the Kansas District Oratorical Contest to be held next spring. The 1st place winner of the District contest receives a \$2,500 scholarship, and will then go to the Regional/World competition in St. Louis next summer. 2nd and 3rd place District winner receive \$1,500 and \$1,000 scholarships. Regional winners are given a \$5,000 college scholarship and compete in the World Contest. The 1st place winner in the World Competition receives a \$15,000 scholarship, the 2nd place winner a \$10,000 scholarship, and the 3rd place winner a \$5,000 scholarship. The Oratorical Contest is an excellent way for students in your community to develop their speaking skills and compete for scholarship monies. All the information you need to hold a contest is available on the Kansas District website (Ksoptimist.org) or the Optimist International website ([optimist.org](http://optimist.org)) under Member Resources. You can also contact the District Oratorical Chair, Diana Carlin-Pierron ([dianabcarlin@gmail.com](mailto:dianabcarlin@gmail.com)), with any questions you need answered.



The poster features a blue header with the Optimist International logo on the left and the event title in white text. Below the header is a green section with white text listing the winners. The winners are organized into two columns: World Champions and World Regional Champions. Each winner's name, region, and the scholarship amount are listed.

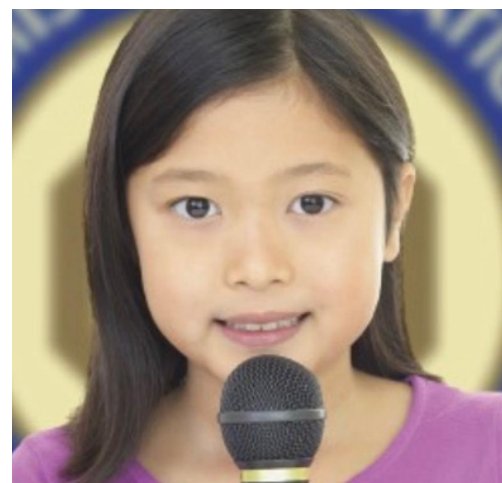
WORLD CHAMPIONS	WORLD REGIONAL CHAMPIONS
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$15,000 Scholarship</b> Sarah-Claude Simard Optimistes Francophones Canadiens	Deborah Koko NE & Great Lakes Region
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$10,000 Scholarship</b> Sav Jordan Middle America Region	Lily Breyer Great Plains Region
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$5,000 Scholarship</b> Shad McMillan Southeast Region	Smith Galvin Mid-Atlantic Region
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	Mary Lou Cavanna Southwest Region
	Sav Jordan Middle America Region
	Ty Whitman West Coast Region
	Sarah-Claude Simard Optimistes Francophones Canadiens
	Sizen Karki Global Region (Nepal)

Optimist INTERNATIONAL

The Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) offers young people through grade 12 who are deaf or hard of hearing the opportunity to express their thoughts to an audience either through signing or speaking. This year's topic is "How to Change the World with Optimism". The Optimist International Foundation funds a \$2,500 scholarship to any District that meets the participation criteria for the contest. The Kansas District also offers a second scholarship up to \$2,500 whenever funds are available. As with the other scholarship competitions, clubs can find information on how to conduct a CCDHH contest on the Kansas District website ([Ksoptimist.org](http://Ksoptimist.org)) or the Optimist International website ([optimist.org](http://optimist.org)). Clubs can also contact Ben Cardon, the District CCDHH chair at [bcardon@kssdb.org](mailto:bcardon@kssdb.org) for additional information.

## Kids Speak Out

Optimist International offers clubs a simple way to get younger students involved in public speaking. Kids Speak Out offers a "pre-oratorical" program for boys and girls to gain experience speaking to an audience. The program is not backed by scholarship money and does not focus on "who wins". Winners can be selected, but emphasis should be placed on participation. There is only one level of competition which is at the club or local level. Presentations are made in classrooms before the students' classmates. Optimist club members can be in attendance, if the teacher agrees. Information on how to hold a Kids Speak Out Program can be found on the Optimist International website ([optimist.org](http://optimist.org)) along with the Oratorical Contest materials.





The 4th quarter District Convention was highlighted by a wonderful response to OI Foundation fund raising! Four Clubs (Manhattan, Derby, Topeka, and Franklin County) brought a basket of various and sundry items and auctioning them off raised nearly \$300. In addition, Manhattan club members donated two K-State pieces (a framed picture of Football star Deuce Vaughn and Basketball legend Markquis Nowell)) that brought \$150. I will be contacting other clubs this week and ask them to consider doing the same for the Foundation..

With less than a month left in the business year, we are approaching our goals. Kansas ranks 4th nationally in Dime A Day members with 158 (our goal is 171). Total unrestricted giving to the Foundation by Kansas Optimist members places us in 8th place, which is great considering the size of our membership! We still have only one "Women's Philanthropical Council" member. Only \$100 gets you a lovely pin and the satisfaction you are doing your share to support the scholarships OIF provides to young women who compete in the International Oratorical contest.

If you are a member of the Presidents Club, please consider renewing that honor by the end of September. Finally, if your club does not have a designated Club Foundation Representative, please elect or appoint one soon so we can share all the opportunities the Foundation has for Optimist clubs.

Jim Morris, District Foundation Chair  
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jimmorris2007@yahoo.com

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The Kansas District Optimist Health and Wellness Committee would like to inform clubs that the District has set aside \$500 to assist a family that has a child experiencing cancer and/or a life threatening illness. Local clubs can request assistance for families by contacting Committee Chair, Marlene Natoli, at [www.marnatoli@att.net](mailto:www.marnatoli@att.net). Assistance can be for ancillary expenses, such as gas expenses for travel to seek treatment, hotel/meal expenses and other out of pocket costs associated with the child's medical treatment. Any questions regarding this financial assistance can be made to Marlene Natoli for additional information.

Marlene Natoli,  
Health and Wellness Chair

## COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER

The Communications Committee is encouraging all clubs to submit items to the District newsletter on a regular basis. If we all make an effort to share ideas about fundraisers, projects, and meeting programs, it will be beneficial to every club and also to the young people in our District. Before each issue you will be asked to submit articles, but you can also send in items at any time. If you do not want to write an article, just send the basic facts, and we will take care of the writing! The newsletter has been published on a quarterly basis, but if we have enough material, we may do an edition every two months. Pictures are wonderful, but you must be sure you have the permission of the people in your photos to use their image in the newsletter, Facebook, etc. Also, if your club has its own newsletter or weekly email, please add us to your mailing list. All items can be sent to [kumoogie@aol.com](mailto:kumoogie@aol.com). Let's all work together for better communication in our District.

District Communications Committee

# Olathe Noon Optimist Summer Luau

The Olathe Noon Optimist Club held a Summer Luau on Thursday, August 31 at Lone Elm Park in Olathe. Club members and their friends and families enjoyed a delicious Hawaiian dinner prepared by Lou and Tui Atagi and watched a presentation of traditional island dancing. A donation also was collected to send to the Maui Strong Fund to assist fire victims on Maui. Thanks to Kansas District Governor Doug Jardine and his wife who drove in from Manhattan to attend the event.



# TOPEKA OPTIMIST CLUB

The Topeka Optimist Club will hold their two annual fall fundraisers soon. On October 21 the club will sponsor their Pancake Feed at Christ King Church. The breakfast menu includes pancakes, sausage, and biscuits and gravy. Also this fall club members will begin selling fresh greenery wreaths in two sizes and also garlands and swags. The greenery is sure to brighten any home for the holidays. The proceeds from both projects are used to fund the club's many projects for Topeka youth. If you would like more information on how your club might benefit from either of these fundraisers, contact Suzi Obermeier ([suziobermeier@gmail.com](mailto:suziobermeier@gmail.com)) or Rod Obermeier ([obermeierrd@cox.net](mailto:obermeierrd@cox.net)).

Suzi Obermeier  
Topeka Optimist Club

## Wichita Northeast Club Celebrates 50 Years!

Kansas District Governor Designate Judy Morris presented Wichita Northeast Optimist Club president Melvin Ridley and his fellow club members with the "Proclamation of 50 Years" in honor of their celebration of 50 years as a club. It was signed by Robert McFadyen, President of Optimist International, honoring the club for "50 Years of Dedicated Service to the Community and Children". This club is an outstanding example of how active Optimism creates a tremendous, positive impact on a community. Congratulations to Wichita Northeast!

Judy Morris  
Kansas District Governor Designate

Left to right Clifford Normore, Julius Williams, Judy Morris, Melvin Ridley, Melissa Wright, Paul White, Phillip Owens



# Manhattan Optimist Club



The 21st Edition of the Aggieville Chili Crawl will be held October 14, 2023. 3:30p-6:30p This is an important fundraiser for the Manhattan Optimist Club generating funds to support many youth activities, programs and projects. The event is held throughout Aggieville, the shopping district next to the K-State Campus.

The Chili Crawl involves 12 different restaurants/bars who have accepted the challenge to compete for the title of Best Chili in the Ville. We sell tickets to the event and usually around 400 tickets get used. Most of the tickets are sold on-line. The ticket buyers get to sample a 2oz serving at each location except at Cold Stone Creamery where they get the cooling relief of ice cream. At each chili location, two Optimist club members/friends serve the chili and manage the tickets. We also supply the bowls, spoons and napkins.

A second important aspect of the fundraiser is the solicitation of sponsors. This year we have exceeded our goal regarding sponsors. The Chili Crawl is a fun event, and these sponsors enjoy being part of it.

We hope to exceed \$12,000 in after expense net revenue. If you have any question, or would like tickets, contact Bill Wisdom at [billwisdom17@gmail.com](mailto:billwisdom17@gmail.com).

The Manhattan club recently participated in the Life Saver's Community Blood Drive on September 18-19. The event was held in conjunction with several other Manhattan service organizations. This is the type of event which proves how organizations can work together to help their communities.

Members of the Manhattan Club were pleased to host the Kansas District Optimist Convention at the Hilton Garden Inn in August. The club provided a picnic dinner at their Optimist Park on Friday evening with about 65 members and guests in attendance. Several members also attended the convention meetings on Saturday, and the club provided a basket to be auctioned to raise funds for the Optimist International Foundation.

William Wisdom, Manhattan Optimist Club

## SUNRISE OPTIMIST CLUB OF NORTH TOPEKA

Sunrise Optimist North Topeka is a very active sports club throughout the year. Their football season for young people got underway on September 6. Then volleyball season will begin later in the month on September 23 with basketball season starting soon after.

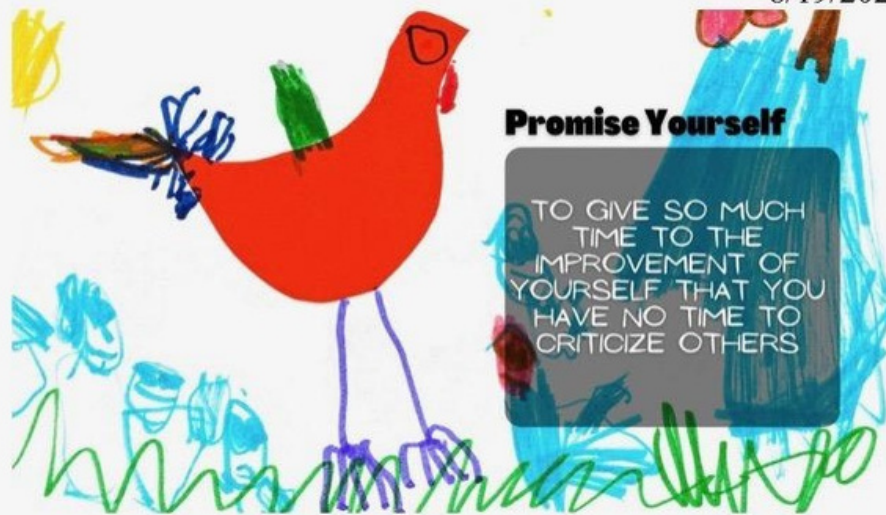
The club will have their annual “Made from the Heart“ Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The craft fair which features original hand crafted gifts will be held at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center, 720 NW 50th St. in Topeka. Admission is free.

Charles Galligher,  
Sunrise Optimist Club

## WORDS OF WISDOM

“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” To this day, especially in times of “disaster,” I remember my mother’s words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers--so many caring people in this world.”

Fred Rogers



**TIPS**

- **Kansas District website: [KSOptimist.org](http://KSOptimist.org)  
K37DistOpt**
- **Optimist Day is the First Thursday of every February**
- **OI website has several ZOOM backgrounds you can upload & use (Optimist Creed & OI white or blue)**
- **Sign up for and use “Optimist Leaders” on OI website**
- **The Kansas District offers Special Awards and Grant Programs**
  - **Club Grant program (May 1)**
  - **Bob Cutter “Friend of Youth” Award (July 1)**
  - **Health & Wellness Grant**
- **The 106<sup>th</sup> Optimist International Convention will be in Niagara Falls, Ontario, June 23-26, 2024**
- **The Optimist Institute is a FREE member benefit for All Optimist Members**

The Sunrise Optimist Club of North Topeka invites you to the:

*Annual*  
*“Made from the Heart”*  
*Holiday Craft Fair*



**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

**9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

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**Sunrise Optimist Event Center**

**720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Topeka**

(North across NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street from Seaman High School)

*Give Original Hand Crafted Gifts for  
the Holidays*

**FREE ADMISSION**

**Concession Stand Available**

(Operated by Sunrise Optimist Club members)

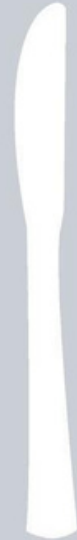
[www.sunriseoptimist.org](http://www.sunriseoptimist.org)

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Take a  
**“STEAK”**  
 in the future  
 and support  
 Technical Education



1<sup>st</sup> Annual Scholarship

# STEAK FRY

Thursday, October 19, 2023  
 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Olathe Advanced Technical Center  
 611 N. Nelson Rd. • Olathe, KS 66061

Together, the Olathe Noon Optimists and the Olathe Advanced Technical Center are teaming up to host an Annual Scholarship STEAK FRY to raise post-high school educational funds for graduating seniors and create awareness of career path options in Technical Education!

A scholarship (up to \$4,000 annually) will be directed to Johnson County Community College Certificate Degree programs, including a tool-allowance.



## Tickets

\$30 per person • \$50 per couple

\* \$15 Kids meal - ages 6-12 (Ages 5 and under are free)

8 oz K.C. Strip, Baked Potato, Salad, Garlic Bread  
 Iced Tea/Lemonade/Coffee

Dessert

\*Mac-N Cheese/Hot Dog/Drink/Dessert

Sponsorships and dinner tickets  
 may be purchased online:

[www.olatheNOONOptimist.org](http://www.olatheNOONOptimist.org)

Pre-order by October 12. No walk-ins. Advance Payment only!



Sponsored by:

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[www.olatheNOONOptimist.org](http://www.olatheNOONOptimist.org)



# Kansas District 37 – Optimist International

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter District Conference

October 7, 2023

Meeting Place:

Sunrise Optimist Event Center

720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street

Topeka, KS 66617



CONFERENCE FEES:	Quantity	Cost	Total
Covers the cost of room rental, conference materials and lunch		\$20.00	
<b>TOTAL Conference Fees:</b>			

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Club or District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Club or District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Any Children Attending? Name(s) & age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special dietary or physical needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you will be attending your FIRST District Meeting:

Please return Registration Forms to:

**Kansas District Optimist  
3908 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Terr  
Topeka, KS 66610**

**Please return this form by: September 29, 2023**

Please arrange for overnight accommodations directly with:

**Hyatt Place  
6021 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66615  
785-273-0066**

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/TOPZT/G-KSDO>

**Rate: \$104 + taxes**

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE! \*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE! \*\*\***

To receive this Special Optimist Rate mention Kansas District Optimist, reservations must be made by:

**September 29, 2023**